



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2023**



Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved

Present: Rob Carpenter (Zoom), Toni Chavis (Zoom), David Gorwitz (Zoom), Beth Hoer, Linda Hutchinson (Zoom), Jenny Joyner, Kristen Nelson (Zoom), Eileen O'Brien, Kristen Reid (Zoom), Stephen Roane, Annette Robinson, Tara Taylor (Zoom)

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright

YPSO: Sheriff Ron Montgomery, Major Thomas West, Lt. Damon Radcliffe

SECRETARY: Linda Hutchinson; Minutes by Beth Hoer

BYLAWS & MEMBERSHIP: David Gorwitz

ABSENT: Amy Brown, Shana Gist

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Call to Order** - Chair D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. YPSO Updates – Sheriff Ron Montgomery

Local

- a) Election season is running its course. Social media is active; some of it frustrating.
- b.) The recent tragic child death case is progressing. The Medical Examiner's report will determine whether there will be additional charges. However, since the medical examiner located in Norfolk is the only one for this area, the results could take time. Results from tests at a facility in Richmond indicated the baby had no broken bones. The YPSO is working closely with the YC Commonwealth's Attorney and both are anxious to get the final results.
- c.) The arrival of the World/Residence cruise ship on Friday morning at Yorktown was a non-event.
- d.) A fatal car crash occurred on Friday night near Busch Gardens.

YPSO

- a.) The YPSO is meeting with the ABC Board next week to discuss approaches to address the larceny problem
- b.) The YPSO earned 4-year re-accreditation from the Virginia Professional Standards of Community Policing. YPSO was one of only two agencies to earn a perfect score for 191 standards.
- c.) The YPSO budget will soon be submitted to the York County Board of Supervisors. Due to the need to increase proportionality between YPSO deputies and citizen population, the YPSO will request an increase in funding in order to hire more YPSO deputies.

d.) The CAC awaits names of senior citizens who may be matched with a CAC community service project. Insurance and other certifications will be required. On Command Dog Training and several churches are interested in the endeavor. A CAC member and other community members will provide the needed central organization.

York County School Division

Sheriff Montgomery will meet with Freekind this week to discuss an education initiative for YPSO, schools and county businesses to improve awareness of human trafficking. York County has the infrastructure that traffickers look for—tourism and nearby ports and airports.

3. YC Commonwealth Attorney Updates - Krystyn Reid

- a.) Last year's death of a 2-year old resulted in a 11 year sentence for the parents, who pled guilty to manslaughter and child neglect.
- b.) Drug Court is still in the works.

4. Clerk of Courts Update - Kristen Nelson

Ms. Reid will be working with legislators to repeal in part or whole *SB 1339 Police and court records; expungement and sealing of records*, which was originally intended for simple possession charges, but now allows other crimes to be expunged from the public record, including (not limited to) sexual battery, theft, and commercial vehicle DUI.

5. Membership Updates —David Gorwitz

- a.) CAC resignations and terms expiring Dec 31 will leave two vacancies. YPSO will publish an announcement asking for applications in November, with decisions in the December CAC meeting and new members joining at the January meeting
- b.) Last month's survey for meeting dates and times led to no definite conclusions. Chair Mr. Wright asked each attendee for input and a vote was taken The vote resulted in the decision to meet on the third Mondays of each month from 6-7 p.m., beginning in November.

6. Adjournment— D'Shawn Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:45. CAC members were encouraged to transfer the meeting to the Regency Rehabilitation Center for fellowship with staff and patients. Jenny, Beth and Ron joined.

The next CAC meeting will be Monday, November 20, from 6-7pm.