



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2024**



CAC Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved

Present: Amy Brown, Robert Carpenter, Toni Chavis, Shana Gist, David Gorwitz, Linda Hutchinson, Jenny Joyner, Kristen Nelson, Eileen O'Brien, Stephen Roane, Annette Robinson, Ashley Smith, Tara Taylor, D'Shawn Wright

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright

YPSO: Sheriff Ron Montgomery, Maj. Thomas West, Lt. Damon Radcliffe, Lt. James Robinson

Secretary: Linda Hutchinson

Bylaws & Membership: David Gorwitz

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. **Call to Order** – Chair D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. **Community Updates - Chair D'Shawn Wright**

The next meeting will be the Public Forum at Body By D Gym on May 20 starting at 6pm. The YPSO will discuss important community issues with a focus on phone scams.

Linda Hutchinson updated the committee on the Paws-I-tivity Program at York Middle School. Four therapy dogs visited students on Monday April 8, 2024.

D'Shawn Wright, Will Smith of Straight Edge Painting, and Ronnie Tyrone of Judah Pride Academy of Boxing talked to approximately 40 students at Queens Lake Middle School. They will be working with seven students who are homeless, collecting donations for them. On April 24, they will be speaking to William and Mary students in Dr. Eileen O'Brien's class, Breaking the Glass, about overcoming adversity.

A committee discussion concerning alienation among young people focused on the following challenges for them: taking and accepting responsibility, expecting and learning to deal with difficulties, social media, poverty, lack of family involvement, changes in developmental stages that no longer include personal interaction. Suggested positive actions by adults focused on: showing them love and respect, interacting with them, assigning responsibility and respectfully holding them accountable, involving them in various activities and events.

Healthy Kids Day, a YMCA nationwide event, will be hosted by the York County YMCA on April 20, 2024 beginning at 10am. It is a free event with activities for families.

Reports: No reports

3. **YPSO Updates - Sheriff Ron Montgomery**

An officer involved shooting occurred on Sunday April 14, 2024 at Clairmont Apartments in York County. The YPSO received several calls from apartment residents reporting a young

man pointing a weapon at them and at children on the playground. The residents were extremely concerned. When deputies arrived at the apartments, the young man was inside a car, continuing to point his weapon. The deputies repeatedly talked to him about leaving the gun in the car. A family member also attempted to calm him via facetime. The young man eventually exited the vehicle and pointed his weapon three times at the deputies. After the third time, a deputy shot the man. The officers immediately secured the weapon and tended to the young man's injuries. He is expected to recover.

An investigation is ongoing. Sheriff Montgomery will be working with Commonwealth's Attorney Krystyn Reid on this case.

Linda Hutchinson asked if York County students are involved in the Senior Assassins Game promoted on social media. Sheriff Ron alerted the committee to the dangers of the game. He will work with Ashley Smith to speak about it to 18 PTA presidents at the May 2, 2024 York County Council PTA meeting.

4. **Adjournment** – Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.