



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



CAC Community Forum - Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved

Present: Robert Carpenter, Toni Chavis, Shana Gist, David Gorwitz, Linda Hutchinson, Jenny Joyner, Eileen O'Brien, Krystyn Reid, Annette Robinson, Ashley Smith, Tara Taylor, D'Shawn Wright

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright

YPSO: Lt. Damon Radcliffe

Secretary: Linda Hutchinson

Bylaws & Membership: David Gorwitz

AGENDA TOPICS:

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

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

Jenny Joyner discussed the progress with Care Closets. The Boys and Girls Club in Gloucester and Manna Church in Newport News are providing space for donations of clothes for adults and children. Pastor Riley Halliday of Manna Church contacted Chairman Wright offering the use of his church as a home base to sort and distribute clothing and other donations. Clothing racks are needed, and volunteers may also be needed in which case the CAC will be notified. Manna Church is located at 401 Lucas Creek Rd in Newport News. Donations can also be taken to Body by D in Yorktown or brought to the next CAC meeting.

Lt. Radcliffe was asked if the Newport News Police Department had an organization similar to the YPSO CAC with whom we could work to address community needs. He will contact the Newport News police chief regarding this matter.

The CAC will participate in the Back-to-School Drive at Carver Gardens on August 17, 2024 from 10am – 2pm. Students will be able to select their own supplies to put in donated back packs. Ashley Smith, York County PTA President, will provide a list of needs.

Court Updates – Commonwealth Attorney Krystyn Reid

The court wrapped up a jury trial on July 15, 2024. The CWA personally trains YPSO deputies on procedures. The Grand Jury meets the 3rd Tuesday on alternating months to review indictments to determine whether to advance to trial. The Grand Jury is thus convening on Tuesday July 16, 2024.

Membership – David Gorwitz

Eight CAC members have terms ending at the end of December 2024, with three members eligible for reappointment. Following a discussion about waivers for members who have completed their two back-to-back terms and wish to remain on the committee, Mr. Gorwitz will research alternatives.

CAC Meetings:

- August - Back-to-School event from 10am-2pm at Carver Gardens
- September – September 16, 2024 at 6pm at the YPSO

3. **YPSO Updates** – Lt. Radcliffe

York County has experienced an increase in automobile crashes in the past few years. The majority of those crashes are caused by drivers being distracted by hand held devices. In a recent case a man with nine felonies was arrested at Yorktown Square Apartments in response to a complaint by a resident. Six new recruits began training at the law enforcement academy, and four new deputies will begin serving with the YPSO in September/October. Individuals on a team, accused of stealing televisions from chain stores from Richmond to the Southside, were identified and one was arrested. The Gun Safety Class will be provided on August 19, 2024. Information on pre-registration is on the YPSO website. Lt. Radcliffe discussed the limited number of passengers allowed in vehicles driven by minors. Community feedback on the Community Forum on June 17 was extremely positive.

4. **Guest** - Jasmine McClain, REACH Program Manager and Community Training Coordinator for Region 5

REACH (Regional Education Assessment Crisis Services Habilitation) serves five regions in the Hampton Roads area. The organization works with emergency services, schools, and law enforcement to assist those with special needs and developmental disabilities with the goal of avoiding institutionalization. It trains and assists law enforcement agencies in working with those populations. The public is requested to call 988 instead of 911 in order to reach a REACH counselor. The counselor will intercede in behavioral health emergencies, administering alternative strategies with the goal of arranging for least restrictive alternatives for those in need. Training is provided for the individual and the family. A two-hour window is generally the length of time between the phone call and response time. Ms. McClain's contact information: (757) 297-0787, JMCCLAIN@WTCSB.org

5. **Adjournment** – Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.