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Apartment Safety Coalition Conference

The Apartment Safety Coalition (ASC) is an organization that encompasses all the apartment communities in Chesterfield County, as well as the Crime Prevention Unit's Multi-Family Housing Coordinator. Each year, the ASC holds a conference, which offers apartment community managers, and their staff, from Chesterfield and surrounding jurisdictions an opportunity to network with other managers and various vendors, as well as learn about topics that can assist them in keeping their communities safe.

This year, the conference brought in over 65 managers and staff members who spent the day learning about a variety of topics. Some topics included civilian response to active shooter, forensics, and cigarette trafficking. Matt Paxton, from the TV show "Hoarders," addressed the managers about hoarders and what may cause someone to become a hoarder. He spoke about his personal experience with people who hoard, how to identify and handle residents who are hoarders, and what assistance is available for people seeking help for their hoarding. Community policing officers were also in attendance to answer specific questions related to law enforcement interactions on properties.

The ASC also holds quarterly meetings and assists managers with everyday issues, as well as addresses topics relevant to either management or residents who live in the apartment communities. This organization began 12 years ago in Chesterfield and has assisted in the development of beneficial relationships between the apartment managers, their residents, and the police department.

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Upcoming Events

Medication Take-Back
Manchester High School
April 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Senior Academy
(55 & older)
May 8 - July 10
Tuesdays
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.





38th Community Academy

Twelve members of the community graduated from the department's 38th Community Academy on Tuesday, April 10. Throughout the 10-week program, they gained knowledge of the police department that serves them and were able to do things they otherwise would not have had the opportunity to do. Each member came into the class with different perspectives and ideas of what the police department did, but we believe they came out with a new outlook and appreciation for the men and women who serve their community.

The Chesterfield County Police Department Community Academy offers participants an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of police practices and procedures. Offered three times a year, the academy enhances communications between the police department and the community, and, through volunteer programs, allows residents involvement with the police department. The academy, which is free, is open to all Chesterfield County residents and county business owners, as well as members of any community or civic organization located in Chesterfield County.

Want to Join Us Next Time?

The police department is still accepting applications for the 14th Senior Academy, which begins on May 8, 2018, and ends on July 10, 2018. This academy will meet every Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center at 6610 Public Safety Way. If you work during the day, have no fear: you can join our Fall Community Academy, which begins in September and meets during the evening hours.

Please contact the Community Academy Coordinator, Career Officer Kelly M. Young, for more information at 804-318-8407 or youngkm@chesterfield.gov.



Unit Citations Awarded

We would like to introduce all of you to the two groups of employees who serve in the Community Services Division. The first group makes up our Crime Prevention Unit. These officers and civilians are directly responsible for providing tips, presenting programs, and attending community-related events to help reduce crime in Chesterfield County. The second group makes up our School Safety Unit. This group includes our School Resource Officers, Child Safety Officers, and School Crossing Guards. This group of officers and civilians works to educate and enhance the safety of our students in Chesterfield County Public Schools. Both groups have recently received the department's Unit Citation award.



Every year, the Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for planning, organizing, and executing National Night Out (NNO). This event begins with a kick-off and culminates on the first Tuesday in August with a night of neighborhood block parties throughout the county.

As you can imagine, the amount of effort that goes into planning this major event is huge. Every member of the division steps up to help, as do people who volunteer with the police department. Over 125 neighborhoods work with our staff to set up their parties and provide food and crime prevention-related giveaways for attendees.

After NNO, members of the Crime Prevention Unit compile a presentation of all the efforts and results of that year's NNO activities. This report is submitted to the National Association of Town Watch for competition with other law enforcement agencies across the country. Chesterfield County competes in the 300,000+ population category, and over the last 10+ years we have consistently placed in the top 10 in the country. In 2017, our NNO ranked fifth in the nation and first in the state in our population category — a record for us! This was the result of an outstanding effort by all involved.

The School Safety Unit's Child Safety Officers and School Crossing Guards are dedicated to the safety and education of our elementary school students. During the 2016-2017 school year, these employees presented 6,527 STEPP lessons and attended 193 events in 38 elementary schools, reaching over 26,000 students. Our crossing guards ensure the safety of students walking to and from several schools. Their countless hours spent ensuring the safety of students, participating in intervention and support programs, and mentoring young students reflects the love and dedication these members have for our youngest residents.



Crime Prevention Unit

Captain David Fuller, Division Commander (retired)
 Lieutenant Jay Henderson, Unit Commander
 Sergeant Adrian Otero, Section Supervisor
 Corporal Matt Rogers, Crime Prevention Officer & NNO Coordinator
 Corporal Tim Lamb, Crime Prevention Officer
 Corporal Craig Eckrich, Towing Services Coordinator
 Career Officer Kelly Young, Crime Prevention Officer
 Jim Eicher, CPTED Planner
 Georgia Smith, Multi-Family Housing Coordinator
 Lori Comstock, Administrative Assistant
 Wanda Stamey, Volunteer

Child Safety Unit

Captain David Fuller, Division Commander (retired)
 Lieutenant Jason Seamster, Unit Commander
 Mary Garber, Coordinator (retired)
 Lynn Stell, Assistant Coordinator
 Nancy Bryant, CSO (retired)
 Lori Comstock, CSO
 Sarah Gardner, CSO
 Holly Gorman, CSO
 Pete Green, CSO
 Mickey Grodski, CSO (retired)
 Pat Harrison, CSO
 Shannon Hartsock, CSO
 Laura Kangas, CSO
 Kim Parker, CSO
 Aimee Peters, CSO
 Diane Pongallo, CSO
 Mayra Santiago, CSO
 April Sisk, CSO
 Sandy Spencer, CSO
 Debbie Wessel, CSO
 Sharon Hawkins, SCG
 Tink Morrison, SCG
 Bruce Morrison, SCG

Help Prevent Drug Abuse and Protect Our Environment

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at our next Medication Take-Back event!

Saturday, April 28, 2018
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Manchester High School
12601 Bailey Bridge Rd.
Midlothian



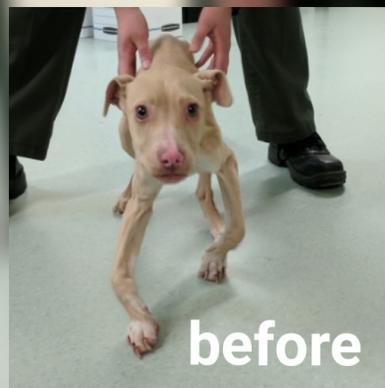
Look Who's Wagging at the Animal Shelter!

This is Gump, a 5-month-old Pitbull mix puppy. When he arrived at the Animal Shelter a month ago, he was extremely emaciated and malnourished.

Due to his lack of proper nutrition, he had developmental problems with his front legs. They were bowed out and he had a lot of difficulty walking. The shelter staff and a volunteer jumped into action to nurse Gump back to health!

With lots of TLC and nutritious food, Gump gained weight and his legs straightened out. He was quickly running around the office!

Gump is now living in his forever home and he left the shelter looking like a different dog.



Non-Emergency..... 748-1251
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator..... 318-8549
Crime Prevention Program..... 706-2717
Business/Worship Watch Coordinator..... 748-1585



Business Security Assessment..... 748-1585
Home Security Assessment..... 318-8693
Multi-Family Housing Coordinator..... 318-8694
Child Safety Office..... 706-2007

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