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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

If you haven't seen the recent media distribution from Deputy Chief Xiarhos, it is included below. I wish we could take full credit for this great news, but the reality is this is the culmination of many activities by the YPD. We should be proud of them and our contribution. Citizens reporting suspicious activity does definitely help, more on how to do that later in this newsletter. If you aren't getting his media releases, ask your block captain to forward them to you.

BURGLARIES & BREAK-INS DROP OVER 60% IN YARMOUTH

By Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos

Felony property crimes such as residential, business, and motor vehicle break-ins have dropped dramatically in Yarmouth in the past 5 years thanks to solid police work, improvements in technology, public awareness, and strong partnerships in community policing.

In spite of the increase in heroin use which is normally associated with increased crime, we have reached record lows in reported residential, business, and motor vehicle break-ins and thefts.

We are very pleased and commend the proactive work by our Patrol Officers, Detectives, Dispatchers, and support staff, as well as the establishment of over 100 Neighborhood Crime Watch areas, our K9 unit, the use of social media, the Proactive Anti-Crime Unit, affordable alarm systems, enforcement of motel residency regulations, improved investigative technology and techniques, partnerships with the local police departments, the Massachusetts State Police, the Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, and ongoing collaborations with drug rehabilitation groups and mental health agencies.

Here is the comparative data regarding break-ins:

Year	2010	2014	2015
Residential	317	203	105
Commercial	54	33	16
Vehicles	126	110	70

Lower numbers are a sign of steady progress, as we continue to follow our Strategic Plan 2020 and move forward to transform Yarmouth in to the safest community in the region.

Thank you to everyone involved and please continue to call or message us at any time if you see or hear anything suspicious or need any help or support.

YPF K9 Kennel Project

By Bruce Wilson, YPF President

We broke ground for the new K-9 Kennel in December and it looks like we will be continuing this project through the winter due to Mother Nature's cooperation.

We have a lot of people donating their time to this project so the progress is slower than normal. We have a lot of materials and equipment that needs to be purchased in order to provide a safe place for the (3) K-9s at the Station.

The Yarmouth Police Foundation (YPF) would like to thank everyone who donated money and time to allow us to build a high quality structure for the current K-9s.

This project was started through a request by one of the K-9 Officers, his K-9 Kosmo was injured and was forced to retire from the YPD. The YPF provided the deposit for the YPD to purchase a new K-9 and he is now in training and should soon start his patrols.

The YPF would like to say thank you to our past President, Bob Abair for all his efforts in moving this project along in the early stages last year.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates & photos.

New Recruit Satu waiting for his home away from home.

Reporting Suspicious Activity

By Lee Hawkins, NCW Chairman

At the last all block captain's meeting we had an excellent presentation by YPD Dispatcher Maria Curtis. Maria told us the kinds of information they will ask when you call and why. They have to give the responding officer an idea of the situation and will want any identifying details that would uniquely identify a person or vehicle. The YPD report card that is one of our Neighborhood Crime Watch handouts is a great reminder of what details are needed. For this reason, there are a few guidelines that all block captains should be encouraging their members to use when reporting suspicious activity:

- The people in the neighborhood are the best ones to know the routine of the area and residents and determine what is out of place or suspicious. Don't be afraid to call it in, the police would rather investigate a false

alarm than miss preventing a crime, or helping someone in need.

- Call the non emergency number for non threatening suspicious activity, 508-775-0445 ext 0 for the dispatcher. To save a life, stop a crime or report a fire, dial 911. If in doubt, call 911.
- Have the person who observed make the call. It is great to have the member also call the local block captain, and/or the area captain so they are aware and can alert the neighborhood if warranted. However, the dispatcher is likely to ask for details that anyone calling in second hand won't know. It is best if the observer calls in themselves, the dispatcher's questions may trigger details they hadn't thought to report. For this reason, the NCW program does not recommend that calls go through the block or area captain, notify them after reporting to YPD.
- Call in real time. If there is a cruiser available that isn't on an emergency call, they may check it out right away and are more likely to stop a crime if the suspicion turns out to be real. Dispatchers are there 24/7, don't wait until the next day.

Bakers Path Colony Blocks

By Mike Sahagian, Area Captain for South Yarmouth

We had four out of 7 blocks in the Bakers Path Colony area in South Yarmouth that did not have a current block captain due to resignations or moving off cape.

Area Captain Mike Sahagian did a direct mailing to approximately 150 residents. This was followed up with a Code Red message from Lt. Carty and we held a meeting for the area at the Yarmouth Police Department on September 23, 2015, giving an overview of Neighborhood Crime Watch.

We had an excellent turn out, with 22 interested residents attending, and several who were willing to sign up to fill in the missing blocks. Thanks to all who came out.

As a result of this special meeting we were able to fill three out of the four open blocks with Block Captains. A training session was held on October 28 at the Yarmouth Police Department and these blocks are up and running again. We will continue to try and recruit a Block Captain for the remaining area, SY04. The blocks with new block captains are:

- SY02 with captains David Ceccarelli and, Nancy and Lou Proulx
- SY03 with captains Chris and Edward Morassi
- SY06 with captain Gretchen Moran-Towers

I would like to give special thanks to Ed and Chris Morassi and Barry and Gail Clayman for their help in organizing the special meeting. Bakers Path Colony will soon have 100% coverage in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. This is something we can all be proud of. It is only through our help that we can make our neighborhoods safer and more enjoyable for all of us to live in.

This turned out to be a huge success and we will be repeating this in other areas of town so that we have an active block captain in all blocks.

Yarmouth POL Foundation Raffle

By Bruce Wilson, YPF President

Back in early July during our monthly meeting a member of the Board threw out the idea of holding a raffle to raise funds to support the Police Department. We all got onboard with the idea and soon found ourselves and some volunteers selling tickets. We had a grand goal of selling 5,000 tickets but we knew that was going to be a tough goal to meet but thanks to the efforts from everyone we were able to sell over 1,500 tickets and raising over $5,700.00 after expenses and prize pay outs, not bad for our first ever raffle.

The First Place winner is Naureen from Yarmouth

Port, Second Prize winner is Kelly from South Yarmouth and the Third Prize winner is Ken from Cotuit, congratulation to the three winners.

Also during the raffle we started to promote the K-9 Kennel that will be constructed at the YPD and this definitely helped increase our ticket sales. Everyone at the Foundation would like to thank those who purchased tickets. This money will go to make Yarmouth a safe place to live, work & play and has helped us get close to our goal for the Kennel.

I would also like to thank our ticket sellers: Bob Abair, Mike Sahagian, Carol McBride, Fred Dyka, Paul & Chris Greeley, Lee Hawkins, Barry Clayman, David Sircom, Susan Provencher, Trish Wright, Martha Dubios & Chief Frank Frederickson.

I also want to thank Spencer Post for drawing the three winning tickets.

Spencer Post drawing the winning ticket, with Bruce Wilson

Coffee With The Chief

YPCAT and NCW continue to attend Coffee With The Chief and these have been great opportunities for us to meet more residents. These are typically held on the last Friday of the month. They are also a great opportunity for you to find out about current events in Yarmouth Policing and to ask questions or raise concerns over issues. They are usually small groups, so your voice will be heard. This month we met Robert Thrope and Jay and Audeliz Allain. The Allains are new residents in Simkins School Residences and thanks to them, we will be following up with a meeting there. Thanks to Chief Frederickson - if you haven't been, we encourage you to attend one.

Drug Awareness Program Gets New Name, New Organization

By Trish Wright

The Yarmouth Substance Abuse Committee (YSAC), formerly known as the YPCAT Drug Awareness Program was formally introduced as a Town Committee at the November 17, 2015 Board of Selectman Meeting.

Items that YSAC is currently working on include:

1. Town Hall Forum regarding underage drinking/marijuana. Date to be announced at a later time.
2. YSAC will be partnering with Gosnold and the Falmouth Prevention Partnership in applying for a Drug Free Communities Grant. Deadline for application submission is March 18, 2016.
3. Action Plan for 2016.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Yarmouth Police Department. All are welcome to attend.

THE CAT IS BACK

The CAT was founded by Trish Wright in 2012 and she has done a great job keeping it informative and interesting. However, Trish is now instrumental in the Drug Awareness Program (now known as the Yarmouth Substance Abuse Committee, Y-SAC) and moving on from the CAT. Our sincere thanks to Trish for all her hard work getting the CAT off the ground and making it a key communication tool for YPCAT programs. I am now the interim editor and will endeavor to keep it to Trish's standards and back to a monthly schedule. However, we really need a permanent editor. If you have good writing skills and would like a challenge, we would love to talk to you. Like the Marines, we need a few good men and women.

- Lee

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
All Block Captain's Meeting	Yarmouth Senior Center	May 11, 2016	Doors Open 6:30 Meeting 7:00 PM

SHARE THE CAT

We ask that all of you forward a copy of the CAT each month to all he neighbors in your block.

The CAT is a newsletter from the Yarmouth Police Community Advisory Team (YPCAT) relating to happenings in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and the community.

Do you have an article you would like to see published in the CAT, or an idea for us to include? If so, contact us at cat@yncw.org.

Interested in learning more about, or joining Neighborhood crime watch—use the contact form at www.yncw.org, or call Lt Patrick Carty at 508-775-0445, ext 2116.