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***"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"***

***Chief Frank Frederickson***

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## May 11 Block Captain's Meeting

Our series of semi-annual Block Captain's meetings continued on May 11 at the Senior Center. Chief Frederickson gave an update on crime in Yarmouth, which as reported, is down significantly. The rail trail extension into Yarmouth is proceeding, with a bridge over Station Avenue to be built soon. This will pose some new challenges for policing. The chief has purchased two new electric bikes to aid in this effort (one was on display at the meeting). They have large tires with the capability to travel on beaches. This was a lively meeting with many questions from the audience on a wide range of topics.

The chief also introduced Officer Michael Kramer and his newest K9 Satu (pictured on the left) who has just completed training. As noted, a K9 officer has to be a special person with a passion for the job. Satu, as well as his former K9, now retired, both live with Officer Kramer and his family.

Lieutenant Patrick Carty gave a presentation on Identity Theft and scams, as well as tips on how to avoid them. If you didn't make the meeting, or want the details, you can view his presentation by clicking on the link above. *Note this is a large presentation, it will take a minute or two to open.*

Thanks to Chief Frederickson, Officer Kramer and Lieutenant Carty. Also thanks to Neighborhood Crime Watch team member Mike Patkoske for the pre-meeting medley of tunes. A man of many talents.

As always we welcome your feedback on the meeting, especially what topics you would like to see at future meetings. The next meeting will be in October, 2016. See page 5 for more pictures from the meeting.

# So You Think That It Won't Happen Where You Live...

By Lt Patrick Carty

On a cool April night in a small town, a group of police officers got together and embarked on a special operation. They decided to go out on duty and try and get dates...but not the type of dates such as to the movies or dinner. They were looking for a different type of date. An on-duty date? Isn't that against the rules you must be asking???

So in this small town they began calling for dates. Nobody in particular, simply answering the personal ads via social media. These officers then arranged two dates.

What happened next was unexpected and somewhat shocking. When the officers met their dates, they discovered that they were in fact part of a human trafficking operation with far reaching ties. The arrangement of dates on-duty met the objective, to identify and help those involved in human trafficking and identify facilitators.

This case is so far reaching, the officers are still following the trail...but one gentleman involved went to jail.

You may ask, where is this small town? Just simply look out the window...yes, this small town was Yarmouth...our community!

The author planned this operation and was involved. Just remember that things can happen anywhere, anytime, including here. Please keep your eyes and ears open and keep the calls coming. Stay vigilant!

# What Is Going On in Your Block?

Have you had a cookout, meeting, or other event in your block. Perhaps you had a member call in a concern that resolved a problem, or prevented one. Or maybe you have some tips on things that worked in your neighborhood. We would like to hear news from any of our blocks. Send us a story and some pictures.

# Motor Vehicle Break-In Crime Prevention Reminder

By Deputy Chief Xiarhos

While we have experienced no reports of break-ins we want to remind everyone that these types of crimes tend to occur during this time of the year.

The good news is there are things that you can do to protect yourself from having your car broken into and your personal property stolen:

- Never leave anything visible inside your vehicle! This is the single most important thing you can do to prevent your car window from being smashed and your valuables stolen.
- GPS units (always wipe off the suction cup ring on your windshield – that ring is a dead giveaway to a thief that a GPS device is inside your vehicle. GPS units are the most common items stolen during a car break-in.
- Handbags, purses, wallets, gym bags, and briefcases are the second most stolen items during a car break-in.
- Cell Phones, MP3 players
- Chargers (even if you hide your electronics, if the thief sees the charger, he'll break into the car on the assumption that the GPS, cell phone, or MP3 player is hidden under your seat, in an interior compartment, or inside your trunk.
- Stereo faceplates, satellite radio receivers, Radar detectors, CD's, DVD's
- Loose change – to some your spare change is a fortune. A car thief will break your window to steal your 73 cents out of the vehicle cup holder or ash tray.
- Laptops and cases

Park in a well-lit location with large amounts of foot traffic. Avoid parking on an isolated side street. Roll up your car windows all the way, and

lock your doors. Engage your car alarm, but understand that car alarms do not deter thieves from breaking into your vehicle. The amount of time necessary for a thief to break into your vehicle and steal your property is less than 30 seconds, not enough time for them to be scared away by the alarm.

What to do if you see a car break-in in progress:

- Call 911 or the Yarmouth Police Department directly (508) 775-0445 and report the incident.
- When talking to the dispatcher, try to give as much information as possible, specifically:
    - LOCATION of the incident: Address, cross streets, or specific location inside a parking lot
    - DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT: Provide as much information as possible, such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color and length, color and length of facial hair, colors and style of clothing, identifying marks such as tattoos or piercings, etc.
    - DIRECTION: Give the direction of travel if the thief flees. If the thief flees in a vehicle, give the description of the vehicle, and attempt to provide a license plate.
    - DESCRIPTION OF THE VICTIM'S VEHICLE. Give the color, make, model, and license plate for the vehicle (if available).

Thank you and stay safe out there!

## Red Block Recruiting

We have several blocks where we don't have a block captain due to moves out of Yarmouth, or resignations. Using a traffic light analogy, we have labeled these Red blocks. We have send letters to over two hundred residents in some of these blocks, inviting them to a meeting for an overview of Neighborhood Crime Watch and encouraging them to become block captains. If you know of any one in who would like to find out more about NCW, they are welcome to come to the meeting.. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at the Yarmouth Police Station, starting at 6:30 PM.

# Meet the Block Captains

## SY 36 Simpkins School, Jay and Audeliz Allain

Raymond "Jay" and Audeliz Allain, residents at the Simpkins School Residences are now serving as block captains there. Their married life began in West Yarmouth almost twenty years ago. Tragically, they lost her only son, "Timmy" in 2012. Now as year-and-a-half re-washashores, following stints in CT and RI, they feel blessed to have returned.

Like his hero Johnny Appleseed, Jay was raised in Leominster where he found abiding interests in gardening, sports, writing and politics. After earning a masters degree in education from Harvard, he worked in diverse human service and teaching jobs including as behavioral consultant and tutor in the D-Y school system and instructor in a pilot ex-offender learning program in Springfield. He's also won poetry awards and continues to write, bike and putter in his garden plot at the Yarmouth Senior Center.

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Audeliz has parents who are from Puerto Rico. After moving to Massachusetts forty years ago, she finished her education degree at Springfield College and as a single parent, raised her son. Besides fifteen years at MassMutual Life Insurance as a human resources consultant, Audeliz has also worked extensively in nonprofits including Nauset/Capeabilities, Inc., MSPCA, and the D-Y schools. After a four decade hiatus, she just garnered the chutzpah to again mount a bicycle - which she relishes immensely.

The Allains also devote considerable time caregiving with her 87 year old mom in Queens, NY. When back in town, they enjoy biking, dining and exploring the Cape. Their bucket list includes traveling to Key West and riding an Amtrak to Maine and Canada. As frequent blood donors for Cape Cod Hospital blood drives, they continue trying to make a difference - a goal which coincides nicely with their commitment to Yarmouth Police Department's Crime Watch efforts.

# Block Captains Meeting, May 11, 2016

Area Captains Carol McBride (in back) and Mike Sahagian man the check in table. Checking in is SY 01 Block Captain Gail Clayman.

Chief Frederickson gave an update on crime and policing in Yarmouth

Lieutenant Pat Carty spoke on Identity Theft

Chief Frederickson answers a question. Admiring the new electric bike is Yarmouth Police Foundation President Bruce Wilson.

## SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

| Event | Location | Date | Time |
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| NCW Overview meeting | Yarmouth Police Station | Wednesday, May 25, 2016 | 6:30 PM |
| NCW Team Meeting | Yarmouth Police Station | Wednesday, June 8, 2016 | 10:00 AM |
| National Police Memorial Week | | May 15—May 21 | |
| National Night Out | To Be Determined | Tuesday, August 2, 2016 | |

## 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.**