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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Over the last month at the Seaside Festival and the Dog Walkers Crime Watch meetings, we have signed up seven new block captains which will result in four new blocks. They are in the process of getting their badges and setting up their blocks. More on them in the next issue.

This month we are launching the public web site for Neighborhood Crime Watch. People can enter their street address and see if they are in a current block. If so, they can contact their Block and Area captains. You can also get a summary of our current blocks and a break down and listing of the blocks by area. As we announced last issue, we have set up a subscription list for the CAT. You can sign up from the new site. We will be adding some Scam prevention tips and other relevant information on this site. Let us know your feedback on the site and what other information you would like to see there.

Congratulations to the Yarmouth Police Foundation on the grand opening of the new K-9 kennel at the Yarmouth Police Department. This a great facility for the three YPD K-9s, with heat and air conditioning, when the K-9 officers are at YPD or in court. This is much better for the dogs and the cruisers than having to leave the K-9s in an idling cruiser.

ROBERT "BOB" SPELLMAN SY-22

Bob was born and raised during the depression years in Worcester, MA. After graduating from high school he joined the Marine Corps and went to Paris Island, South Carolina for training. He attended communication school at Camp Pendleton, California and became a telephone linesman. After his discharge from the Corps he attended Wentworth Institute and studied Architecture Construction. Upon graduation he was called for active duty for the Korean War. During this time he met his future wife, Mary on a blind date. After his final discharge he started a career in structural steel fabrication and worked 24 years in the Worcester area. Later he moved and worked in the Bedford, N.H. area and went into business for himself in drafting and designing steel stairs. In 1952 he married Mary and moved to West Boylston, MA where they raised a daughter and a son and have a total of 3 grandchildren. Next year they will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. In 1996 they retired and moved to the Cape.

Operation Cross Country X

Source: DCX

As part of our ongoing strategy designed to focus on the crimes involving prostitution and human trafficking, the Yarmouth Police Department, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and several international law-enforcement partners, linked together last weekend as part of Operation Cross Country X.

Operation Cross Country X was an international investigation which focused on underage human trafficking. The operation resulted in 82 minors being rescued here in the United States and 239 traffickers and their associates arrested Operations took place in a number of locations, including hotels, truck stops, and street corners all across America and beyond.

The Yarmouth Police Proactive Anti-Crime Unit and Detective Division, as well as members of the Dennis and Barnstable Police Departments worked closely with the FBI and members of cooperating motels here in our community. Operation Cross Country X is the largest ever in the history of the initiative, with 55 FBI field offices and 74 Child Exploitation Task Forces representing more than 400 law enforcement organizations taking part in the operation.

The Yarmouth Police Department will continue to work with our partners in local, state, and federal Law Enforcement to actively address this crime in our community. If anyone has information about prostitution and human trafficking please contact Yarmouth Police Department Detective David Schneeweis 508-775-0445 ext. 2118.

For additional information on Operation Cross Country X and the Innocence Lost initiative, please visit www.fbi.gov

Welcome to the Town of Yarmouth's Sticker Shock Campaign

Source: Yarmouth Substance Abuse Committee

On Saturday, November 12, 2016 the Yarmouth Substance Abuse Committee and the Falmouth Prevention Partnership, a program of Gosnold's Prevention Division brought together youth and adults from Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School and the Yarmouth Senior Center as well as several YSAC members, for their first semi-annual Sticker Shock Campaign. This is a pilot program for Yarmouth and if all goes well, a full program with all nine liquor stores in Yarmouth will be held in May, 2017.

Teams of students and adult chaperones spent their morning at Luke's Liquors, Liquor 'N More and Yarmouth Wine & Spirits in Yarmouth and Peterson's Market in Yarmouth Port, placing 2000 stickers on wine and beer bags and putting up posters. The stickers and posters have a common message: **"Working Together. No alcohol until 21. No drugs ever!"** The objective is to encourage customers not to purchase alcohol for minors, and to remind them that it is illegal to do so. It also reminds parents not to host parties where alcohol is available to underage youth—especially during the upcoming holiday season.

The Sticker Shock project is a national campaign aimed at reducing underage drinking by limiting youth access to alcohol. The goal is to educate adults who might provide alcohol to youth about the law that prohibits furnishing alcohol to minors.

For more information on how to discuss underage drinking with teenagers, please contact Yarmouth Substance Abuse Committee at ysac@yarmouth.ma.us, www.falmouthprevention.org or contact Gosnold's Prevention Division at 508-540-2317.

Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters Continues as Meeting Place for Craigslist and other On-line Transactions

Source: DCX

With more and more people buying and selling goods over social media websites—the Yarmouth Police Department continues to serve as a convenient Mid-Cape meeting location in our front public parking area to allow people from all over Cape Cod and the Islands to make the transactions in a safer environment.

Fortunately, the vast majority of sales are done safely with no problems, but criminals can also be searching on-line sites for easy targets which have led to thefts, violent crimes, and even murders in other areas of the United States.

While we have had no reports or cases of violence during a Craigslist type of sale reported in Yarmouth, safety is our top priority and our parking lot, which has video surveillance, is available to conduct transactions.

The preferred times to engage in transactions is in the daylight hours and we recommend that buyers or sellers should reconsider conducting business with anyone who refuses to meet at Police Headquarters.

There are no guarantees when using Craigslist or any other social media on-line type of marketplace site. What may seem like a legitimate posting could be a means to lure someone into danger.

In order to prevent being a victim of a crime, please follow the below safety recommendations:

- Arrange to meet at a well-known public place such as the Yarmouth Police Department.
- Bring someone with you and don't go by yourself.
- "Trust your instincts."
- Meet in a public place rather than a secluded area.
- Never meet with a stranger at your home or theirs.
- Take particular caution if you're buying or selling something that's highly valuable.
- Conduct the transaction during the day.
- Something is normally too good to be true if it seems like it is.
- Let your family or a friend know about your plans.
- Bring your cell phone with you.

Phising Scams

Source: Better Business Bureau

“Phishing” is when you receive an email telling you that you've won a contest or that a company needs to verify personal information. Links in the email can take you to a site that downloads a virus on your computer to hunt for your sensitive data. Virus protection software on your computer can help, but the best protection is a good sense of judgment.

Legitimate companies and government agencies are not going to ask you to confirm your personal information in this way. Be wary of links in social media, too. Some apps, humorous websites, contests or links to shocking videos are just distractions to get you to click on something that downloads malware onto your computer.

YARMOUTH POLICE PERSONNEL DUTIES

Source: Citizens Police Academy Manual

In the CAT volume 5 issue 6, an article about Police Department Personnel gave specifics about the Yarmouth Police Department. In this issue the responsibilities and duties for Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, K-9 Officer and Prosecutor will be presented. This is not a complete list of the responsibilities/ duties for each position, however, the reader should have a better idea about the duties for each job. Information for this series comes from the *Citizen Police Academy*.

Patrol Officer

The Patrol Officers duties/responsibilities deal with the stability and safety of his/her community. He/she is expected to identify criminal offenders, criminal activity, apprehend officers and participate in court proceedings. Participate in crime prevention and aid individuals who are in danger of physical harm as well as facilitate the movements of vehicular and pedestrian traffic when necessary. He/she is responsible to maintain his/her weapons and equipment, coordinate efforts with other members of the Department and communicate with his/her superiors and fellow officers. Detailed reports on all crimes, vehicle accidents and other incidents need to be completed. Serve warrants, summonses, subpoenas and other official papers, confer with court prosecutors and testify in court.

School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer has the primary responsibility for providing police services in a school environment and cooperating with the schools in developing and improving safety education and law enforcement programs. He/she is to enforce laws in and around schools and investigate crime when necessary. He/she works with school personnel to make recommendations for education and safety programs. He/ she may address PTA and other organizations about school safety, and acts as a liaison officer between the school and the Police Department.

K-9 Officer

The K-9 Officer has the responsibility of maintaining and training the dogs assigned to him/her. He/she works with the dog in a patrol car and responds to specific requests for assistance. He/she checks on industrial parks, shopping centers, schools etc. on routine patrol. He/she is a back-up cruiser on breaks, disturbances, and fights. He/she evaluates each situation and determines if the dog is necessary.

Prosecutor (Court Officer)

The Police Prosecutor is responsible for the preparation and presentation of cases at the District Court level. He/she is the Department's liaison with the court and coordinates the scheduling of cases and witnesses. The Prosecutor coordinates the scheduling of cases for the Police Department and minimizes the time spend in Court by officers. He/she assures that witnesses are notified and evidence is available when needed. He/she cooperates with the District Attorney's Office in scheduling and presenting cases to the Grand Jury or in Superior Court.

GRAND OPENING
THE PETER MCCLELLAND YARMOUTH POLICE K-9 KENNEL

The Yarmouth Police Foundation is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the Kennel for the Yarmouth Police K-9s located at 1 Brad Erickson Way which took place on November 12th.

The building was named in honor of Retired K-9 Officer Peter McClelland, who has dedicated over 32 years in law enforcement and is responsible for additional laws pertaining to K-9s here in Massachusetts. Peter continues to assist with ongoing training and even volunteers to provide a little dog sitting every now and then.

The kennel will provide a safe and secure haven at the YPD for the K-9s to stay while their partners are in the station, at court or doing other activities that would have required them to leave the K-9s in the patrol vehicles for an extended amount of time. Having to leave the K-9s in the vehicles meant that the vehicle had to remain running with either the A/C or heater on to protect them resulting in additional wear and tear on the vehicles. In 2015 across America, approximately 45 K-9s passed away due to vehicle failures. This will no longer be a concern for the K-9 Officers in Yarmouth!

We want to thank all the volunteers and donors who contributed time, materials and money to successfully complete this project.

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The hundreds of Residents and Visitors who made donations

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
NCW Meeting	YPD	12/14/16	10:00 AM

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.