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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Welcome to New Block Captains

Over the past couple of months, we have signed up some new block captains at events like the Seaside Festival and the Dog Walkers meetings. The following block captains have their badges and are ready to start.

SY 37 Bob and Beth Osborne on Winding Brook Road
SY 38 Elaine Costigan on Lyndale and Mackenzie Roads
SY 02 Bob and Betty Janek on Diane Avenue
WY 28 Vince Stamboni on Wiffletree Road

Welcome and thanks to these new volunteers for helping extend Neighborhood Crime Watch.

NCW Meetings

You will see our monthly meetings on the last CAT page and the web site calendar. These are for the team members who manage the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. The meetings are open to guests if you wish to attend. Better yet, join the team, we meet once a month on the second Wednesday. We are always looking for more Area Captains, help in managing web content, and especially someone to help with publicizing our activities and getting our message out. Send us a note if you can help.

Happy Holidays

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season. Thanks to all the volunteers who make the Neighborhood Crime Watch program successful. This is a good time of year to check on elderly neighbors and anyone else who needs help. Stay safe and warm.

AMANDA MURPHY WY-21

Amanda is a registered nurse who washed ashore 12 years ago to "semi-retire." As things worked out, she is working more than ever, having started her own business as a health and wellness educator and coach. She also works per diem at Mayflower Nursing Center and teaches Medical Terminology at CC Regional Tech. She is active with the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) as a committee chairperson.

When not working, Amanda enjoys her 2 labs (Emmy 15 and Sammy 2), walking, swimming, reading, gardening, cultural activities and supports local environmental efforts. She is on the Board of Directors for GreenCAPE, a grass roots group which speaks out against the use of toxic pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. She is also a member of the CC Organic Gardeners and supports the work of the Cape Downwinders, activists who are calling for immediate closure of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.

Amanda took on the role of Block Captain in her West Yarmouth neighborhood this year in order to raise neighbors' awareness of possible suspicious activity. It was rewarding to see the Neighborhood Crime Watch signs go up after passing out crime watch materials and speaking with neighbors.

YARMOUTH POLICE PERSONNEL DUTIES

Source: Citizens Police Academy Manual

In the CAT volume 5 issue 6, we began a series of articles regarding the responsibilities of Police Department Personnel. This issue will summarize the responsibilities of the Dispatcher and Secretary/Clerk. This is not a complete list of responsibilities but should give the reader a better idea about the duties for each job. Information for this series comes from the Citizen Police Academy.

Dispatcher

The Dispatcher receives all oral communications from the public and law enforcement personnel coming into the police station. He/she transmits requests for service to the appropriate location by following established procedures. The Dispatcher has the primary responsibility for the initial deployment of law enforcement personnel and equipment. It is the responsibility to report any deployment of police officers beyond their regularly assigned routs to the Patrol Supervisor, acquired a thorough knowledge of location and layout of streets, buildings, parks, housing projects and other significant areas of the community, be familiar with emergency procedures requiring urgent police attention, maintain equipment especially the emergency call lines and report any malfunctions immediately.

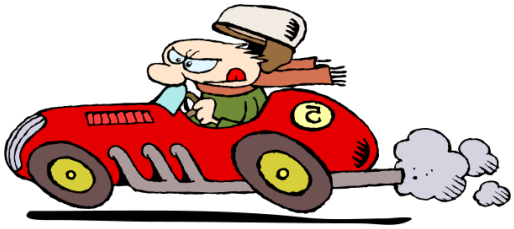
Secretary/Clerk

The Secretary/Clerk's responsibilities are similar to those in the business world such as typing filing and record keeping. He/she provides an efficient operation of the office, maintains all files belonging to the Chief records all sick leaves, keeps a current record of names, addresses, telephone numbers and badge numbers of all police and civilian personnel, records all companies and persons who have hired police officers for paid details, record all court actions on the court arrest cards and prepare and type correspondence as requested by the Chief.

This concludes the summary of personnel duties and responsibilities. The reader should keep in mind that many times duties need to overlap in order to better serve the public.

SPEED CONCERNS

Source: DCX



We often receive complaints about speeding from concerned citizens on a variety of streets in our community. The Yarmouth Police Department conducts on the average over 5,000 Motor Vehicle Stops each year. The following is an explanation about how speed limits are set and how speed is managed in our community.

Speed bumps are often requested because they are perceived as a quick and effective solution to speeding. Speed bumps may present a potential hazard to all vehicles and an immediate danger to motorcyclists and emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicle response time is slowed about 10 seconds for each speed bump. Speed bumps increase noise levels 10 to 20 decibels when wheels hit the bump. In the winter they also hamper snow and ice removal efforts. Therefore, the Town of Yarmouth generally does not install speed bumps on public streets.

Stop signs only slow traffic near the stop sign itself. Stop signs are only appropriate for establishing right-of-way. The Town of Yarmouth installs stop signs at an intersection only after a careful engineering evaluation of the existing conditions demonstrates the installation is appropriate.

Lowering of the speed limit is often requested by citizens in an effort to slow traffic. Before and after studies have shown that there is no significant change in prevailing speeds when the speed limit is changed. Drivers will continue to travel at speeds they feel are safe and prudent despite the posted limit. Unrealistic speed limits can also present a safety hazard. Some drivers will obey the lower posted speed limit while others will feel it's unreasonable and simply ignore it.

Posting Reasonable and Proper Speed Limits - The Commonwealth of Massachusetts set requirements and procedures for setting speed limits. Engineering and traffic surveys are conducted which includes an analysis of roadway conditions, accident records, and a sampling of the prevailing speed of traffic. The speed limit is normally set near the speed at which 85% of the surveyed vehicles do not exceed. The speed limit can be reduced if there is a history of speed-related accidents or roadway conditions not readily apparent to motorists. Setting speed limits in this manner allows the police to enforce using radar. Radar is the most effective method of speed enforcement.

Enforcement - A speed trailer is a device used by the Police Department to supplement radar enforcement. The display board shows the posted speed limit and the speed of the vehicle approaching the trailer. Drivers become aware of the speed they are traveling, and many slow down. The trailer can be used on most streets that are wide enough to park the trailer out of the way of traffic. The Yarmouth Police Department has one speed trailer and it is deployed as needed by date of request.

Neighborhood Involvement - In most cases, the majority of speeders on residential streets are residents in the neighborhood. Therefore, one of the most effective ways to reduce speeding on residential streets is through neighborhood involvement. Circulating neighborhood newsletters or posting speed awareness signs are the best methods of spreading awareness.

It is helpful if you make note of the time of day during which speeding occurs. The Police Department has a list of many locations in need of their services. You can make our job easier and more effective by letting us know ahead of time when we should target enforcement efforts.

For any additional information or set up a meeting regarding Speed Management in your neighborhood, please email Deputy Chief of Police, Steve G. Xiarhos at sxiarhos@yarmouth.ma.us

Surviving an Active Shooter Event

Source: DCX

If you were ever to find yourself in the middle of an active shooter event, there are three things you could do that make a difference: **Run. Hide. Fight.**

First and foremost, if you can get out, **Run**:

- If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate.
- Evacuate whether others agree to or not.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Help others escape if possible.
- Prevent others from entering the area.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

If you can't get out safely, you need to find a place to **Hide**.

Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the shooter's view.
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.
- Not trap or restrict your options for movement.

As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger, **Fight**:

- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with physical aggression.
- Improvise weapons.
- Commit to your actions.

Please help Support 'Secret Santa for Seniors' 2016

Source: DCX

The Holiday Season is a joyous time of year for many people, but it can also be lonely for many senior citizens who may not have family of friends with which to celebrate. Please help the Yarmouth Police Department and the Yarmouth Police Community Advisory Team put a smile on a seniors' face when they are surprised with a gift bag this holiday season by donating a gift item. Donated gifts can be dropped off at any time in the lobby of Yarmouth Police Headquarters in West Yarmouth. All of the items collected will be hand delivered to a Yarmouth Senior Citizen in need for Christmas.

Donation Suggestions: socks, chocolates, slippers, tea, hats, scarves, gloves, cough drops, candy, candy canes, sweaters, dish towels, coffee, jams, crackers, hard candy, lip balm, gift cards, blankets, large print books, Red Sox items, Patriots items, Celtics, items, Bruins items, and magnified mirrors.

Anyone who would like to help package up the items and stock the Gift Bags is asked to come to Yarmouth Police Headquarters at 6:00PM on the Thursday, Dec. 22nd! All of the Gift Bags will be hand delivered on the morning of Friday, Dec. 23rd at 9:00AM.

For more information, please contact Yarmouth Police Department Patrol Officer Melissa Alden at 508.775.0445 extension 2311 or email her at malden@yarmouth.ma.us

Canterbury Woods Neighborhood Crime Watch Update

Source: Bob Abair - YP-01 co-Block Captain

On Sunday, December 11th, more than thirty neighbors gathered to share food and friendship at our 9th annual Christmas Stroll. Everyone attending had a great time. Discussions regarding the local crime statistics were discussed and plans were made to talk with the neighbors that could not attend this event.

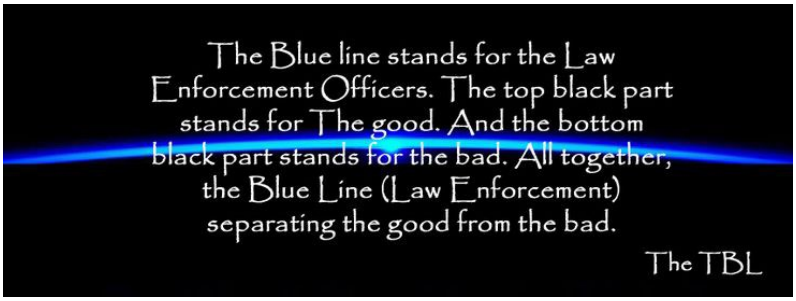
Also our 13th annual Fall Block Party will again take place on Labor Day. Further information will follow.

These gatherings have helped us to achieve NCW goals namely to observe and report and establish a neighborhood comfort level where-by we can help our neighbors as needed.

The dedication and leadership of the Senior Block Captain "the Mayor" Mike Patkoske insures the success of the Canterbury Woods Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

Cape Cod's Thin Line Blue

Source: YPD Facebook



The citizens of Cape Cod recognize that our Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and all 1st responders are there for us 24/7. We show our respect by publicly supporting them daily. These women and men have pledged to police and support our community. Join us and show your support for Cape Cod's Thin Line Blue on December 31, 2016 from Noon - 2:00 PM at Dennis-Yarmouth High School in South Yarmouth. Make a home-made sign and/or bring an American flag to show your support.

Congratulations to Nicole Bohane, Chief Frederickson's secretary, who was selected to appear as an extra in the movie *Patriots Day*! Look for her coming soon to a theater near you.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Secret Santa for Seniors	YPD	12/22/16	6:00 PM
Thin Blue Line	DY High School	12/31/16	12:00 - 2:00 PM
Polar Plunge	Bass River Beach	01/01/17	12:00 PM
NCW	YPD	01/11/17	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.