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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Community Cleanup Day

All block captains should have gotten an email with flyers for the upcoming Yarmouth Community Cleanup Day on Saturday April 29 which honors Earth Day. This is a great cause to make our town more inviting for our summer guests. The Neighborhood Crime Watch team would like to get a great turnout for this event, there are areas on the list near all our blocks. We ask that all Block Captains get the message out to your block let's make this event a great success. The NCW team will sign up your block, just get a list of volunteers to your Area Captain. We need your help, this is a good chance for team building with your block. If you haven't already polled your block, please do so ASAP.

Block Captains Meeting May 3

Our spring All Block Captains Meeting is coming up on Wed May 3. We will have an interesting talk by Police Officers assigned to the Proactive Anti-Crime Unit. Also, you will get to meet the new drug detection K9, Gauge. This will be opened to the public, please invite your block.

Soliciting

Now that the weather is nice, you are going to see more incidents of people soliciting neighborhoods. Remember that Yarmouth has a No Knock Bylaw. All sales personnel are required to have a door-to-door permit and are not allowed to enter property that is on a no-solicitation list maintained by YPD. You can add your address to the list by filling out the form on the YPD site. Mail or drop it off at the YPD records department, or get it to your block or area captain and we will get it there. If you find people soliciting without the permit, or not honoring the no-solicitation list, you can report them on the non-emergency number 508-775-0445, extension 0. Note that this bylaw does not apply to religious or political organizations.

YARMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THREE NEW EMPLOYEES

Source: YPD Press Release

The Yarmouth Police Department is proud to announce our three newest Yarmouth Police full-time employees. These three new employees—one Police Officer and two Emergency 911 Civilian Dispatchers—have successfully completed a series of testing, interviews, and background checks and now join the men and women of the Yarmouth Police Department.

Robert M. Mansfield

Patrol Officer Robert Michael Mansfield of Whitman, Massachusetts. Patrol Officer Mansfield graduated from the Massachusetts Municipal Police Officers Training Committee at the Randolph Regional Police Academy in June 2016 and had recently served as a full-time Special Police Officer with the Oak Bluff's Police Department on Martha's Vineyard.

Patrol Officer Mansfield earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts at Boston in 2014 and is a Class of 2010 graduate of Whitman-Hanson Regional High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

Patrol Officer Mansfield is currently in the process of his 12-week Field Training Program here at the Yarmouth Police Department and upon successful completion he will become a member of the uniformed Patrol Force.

Ariana L. Rogers

Emergency 911 Police Dispatcher Ariana Lee Rogers of Dennis. Dispatcher Rogers is a Massachusetts Certified Nurse Aid and is a student in Criminal Justice at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable.

Dispatcher Rogers is a Class of 2014 graduate of Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in Harwich.

Prior to joining the Yarmouth Police Department Dispatcher Rogers earned the title of United States Marine and is currently serving as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserves where she has received two Meritorious Mast Awards for her service.

David S. Dickey, Jr.

Emergency 911 Police Dispatcher David Scott Dickey, Jr. of South Yarmouth. Dispatcher Dickey is the oldest son of veteran Yarmouth Police Department Patrol Officer David S. Dickey and prior to joining the Yarmouth Police Department Dispatcher Dickey served as a police intern with the Yarmouth and Barnstable Police Departments and is a graduate of the 2016 Yarmouth Police Department Citizen Police Academy 23rd Session where he served as Class President.

Dispatcher Dickey earned an Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable in 2016 and is a Class of 2013 graduate of Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in Harwich.

The men and women of the Yarmouth Police Department appreciate all of the supportive efforts of our government officials and fellow citizens as we move forward together to transform Yarmouth in to one of the safest communities in the region and urge all members of the community to join us in welcoming these new members of the Yarmouth Police Department.

Police Honor 30th Anniversary of School Resource Officers

Source: YPD Press Release

March 9, 2017 marked the 30th anniversary of the partnership between the Yarmouth Police Department and the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District. This program founded in 1987, grew over three decades into the longest running program in Southeastern Massachusetts and has expanded to include other schools in the district. The SRO program was designed around a format used in the Sandwich Public Schools. In the mid-1970's officer Mike Miller, who later became the Chief of Police in Sandwich, was serving full time in the high school. Unfortunately, the Sandwich program was canceled in the mid-eighties.

In 1987 the Yarmouth Police Department was exploring new ways to address issues at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. Then Detective Sergeant, Michael Almonte was assigned to work with the school on finding solutions. The initial focus of the discussion was to introduce an undercover officer into the high school. Principal Curtis Collins had served at Sandwich High as an assistant principal before coming to D-Y. He and Sergeant Almonte proposed the idea to Chief Chapman and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael McCaffrey. The position was designed as a half-time post, twenty hours per week or five half-days. The other half of the time would be spent following up on criminal investigations.

In March 1987 Yarmouth Police Officer Steven Xiarhos was the first School Resource Officer (SRO) in Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School. His new assignment gave him the title of detective. Mike Miller generously leant guidance from his considerable experience in Sandwich. The Yarmouth Program ran successfully for several years, building the confidence of the community inside and outside the school.

In mid-1994 the Dennis Police named its first School Resource Officer, Craig Stevenson. Stevenson's assignment had him posted at D-Y High School two days a week and at the Wixon Middle School in Dennis three days a week. Xiarhos would now spend two days a week at Mattacheese Middle School. "D.Y.P.D." (Dennis-Yarmouth Police Detachment) was coined by the newly formed team. In June 1994, Nicholas Pasquarosa was selected to succeed Xiarhos and assumed the D-Y Mattacheese/detective post.

The Yarmouth SRO Program continued under this format until 1996 when the school district faced a significant budget shortfall. As a result, the resource officer was reduced to 12 hours (three half-days a week) and the presence at Mattacheese Middle School was discontinued. In 1997 Yarmouth Chief of Police, Peter Carnes, reinstated the 20 hour schedule at the high school to restore continuity of services.

In the fall of 2008 Michael Almonte, Godfather of the SRO Program and now Chief of Police, Superintendent of Schools Carol Woodbury and D-Y Principal Ken Jenks came to an agreement and restored the School Resource Officer at D-Y High School. The D-Y Police Services Unit reopened in September 2008 with the reinstatement of Nick Pasquarosa as SRO. In 2008 Patrick McCaffrey began serving as Dennis Police School Resource Officer, dividing his time between D-Y High School and Mattacheese Middle School which now serves students from both towns. In spring 2011 Veteran Yarmouth Police Officer Sean Brewer was selected to serve at Mattacheese Middle School.

The School Resource Officer Program has seen many variations over the years. The success of this program has been achieved through a strong commitment to partnership. We are pleased and very proud to be celebrating our thirtieth anniversary.

THE VOICE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: Dispatcher Maria Curtis

Whenever you call 9-1-1 for an emergency or the Yarmouth Police Department business line requesting the service of the police you will speak with an Emergency 9-1-1 Police Dispatcher. There are currently 8 full time Emergency 9-1-1 Police Dispatchers manning the phones and lobby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year – we never close!

Emergency 9-1-1 Police Dispatchers are often the forgotten link in the emergency services. People don't see us & our interaction with you may only be a minute, but a dispatcher is the most vital link between the public and the patrol officers. A dispatcher's shift can vary – being quiet or non-stop and full of stress. A large part of a dispatcher's job is asking questions.

Our job is to ascertain the nature, location and extent of the emergency and get other pertinent information in order for the officers to respond safely and protect all involved. Some of the things we will ask you:

- What is happening?
- Is this happening now?
- Where is this happening?
- What is your name, address and phone number?

The WHAT gives us the information needed to determine how many officers are needed, how they need to respond (with routine traffic or with blue lights & siren), as well as how they will approach a scene.

The WHERE is imperative! But, something to keep in mind – crime can move. If you are calling in a pedestrian or a vehicle offense, more than likely that person or vehicle is not going to be in the same place when we arrive. In many instances the dispatcher will ask you to stay on the line and give updates as to the location and actions of the person/vehicle.

Why do we ask for your information? You are the witness to the event and we may need to call you back for more information. In the case of noise, knowing where you are helps us pinpoint the location of the offense. Depending on the emergency, some callers will have heightened distress and it can be more difficult to get proper information from them and sometimes even the wrong information is given.

There are occasional shifts when there is just one dispatcher to anywhere from 6 to 12 officers / detectives on the road. When there is only have one person behind the desk answering the business phones, 911 phones, police radio & speaking with anyone that walks in the station, patience is needed.

Our Yarmouth Police Department Emergency 9-1-1 Police Dispatchers are:

Stephen Peterson, Maria Curtis, Paul Leidenfrost, Katie Brown, Sean Ryan, Kerrie Pentland, Arianna Rogers and David Dickey, Jr.

"The dispatcher is the conductor of the force, and is responsible for the direction of all units within it".

Beautifully written as part of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Newsletter and presentation by Yarmouth Police Department Emergency 911 Police Dispatcher Maria Curtis.

Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

Yarmouth

SATURDAY - APRIL 29th - 9:00 AM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY APRIL 30th 9:00 AM

Meet at Yarmouth Town Hall
1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth
at 9 AM for route assignment.

JOIN US FOR A FREE APPRECIATION LUNCH FOLLOWING THE CLEANUP!

WE NEED YOU!

Wear comfortable footwear and clothing.
Bring gloves if you have them.
We will provide the supplies.

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508-778-1008

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PRIZE SCAMS: DON'T PAY TO PLAY

By: Ari Lazarus
Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

You get a phone call from an excited caller saying you've won a trip, a car, or a lot of money. Next, they ask you to send money before you get the prize. That is a sure sign of a scam.

Recently, we've heard about a spike in prize scam calls. Although there are some legitimate contests, remember: there are a lot of scams. Here are a few ways to spot a prize scam:

- Scammers ask you to pay before you can claim your prize. Legitimate sweepstakes don't make you pay a fee or buy something to enter or improve your chances of winning. Scammers might try to sound official and say it's for "taxes," "shipping and handling charges," or "processing fees." Don't pay to claim a prize, and never give your checking or credit card number for a sweepstakes promotion.
- Scammers ask you to wire money to "insure" delivery of your prize. Don't do it. Legitimate sweepstakes don't ask you to wire money. Once you wire money, you can't get it back. The same goes for sending a check or money order by overnight delivery or putting money on a prepaid debit card.
- Scammers send you a check and ask you to send some of the money back. But the check is fake, and you're responsible for repaying the bank.
- Scammers use the names of well-known companies for prize scams. Con artists often pretend to call from well-known companies to make themselves appear legitimate and gain your trust. If you don't remember entering, you probably didn't. If you think it may be legit, use a search engine to find the company's real phone number. Call to confirm that you entered a contest before responding to any claims that you won from your email account.

CALLS ASKING "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

by Alesha Hernandez
Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Your phone rings and the caller ID shows a number you don't know. You answer it anyway and hear, "Can you hear me now?" It's a pre-recorded robocall – even though it sounds like a real person – and it's illegal. We've heard from hundreds of people who have gotten calls like this.

Here's what to do if you get a call from someone you don't recognize asking, "Can you hear me?":

- Don't respond, just hang up. If you get a call, don't press 1 to speak to a live operator or any other number to be removed from the list. If you respond in any way, it will probably just lead to more robocalls – and they're likely to be scams.
- Contact your phone provider. Ask your phone provider what services they provide to block unwanted calls.
- Put your phone number on the Do Not Call registry. Access the registry online or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Callers who don't respect the Do Not Call rules are more likely to be crooks.
- File a complaint with the FTC. Report the experience online or call 1-877-382-4357.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Annual Community Cleanup Day	Yarmouth Town Hall	04/29/2017	9:00 AM
NCW Block Captains' Meeting	Yarmouth Senior Center	05/03/2017	6:30 PM
Town Meeting	Mattacheese Middle School	05/06/2017	TBD
Town Elections		05/16/2017	

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.