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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

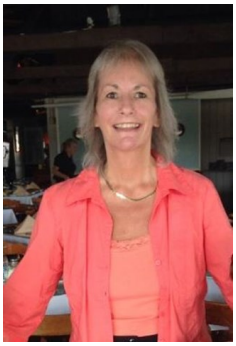
Chairman's Message

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

As another summer comes to a close on the Cape, we get some relief from the traffic and enjoy some Indian summer weather. It is also an interesting time with several upcoming events including Coffee with a Cop, our Block Captains Meeting, the Seaside Festival, and our next session of training for Dog Walkers Crime Watch.

We hope that all block captains will make our next meeting on October 4. In addition to an update from Chief Frederickson, we have a special guest speaker who will address home security – more details in this issue. Also, we will have a table with the YPD command vehicle at the Seaside Festival on October 7-9. This is a great family event, stop by and meet the NCW team and YPD officers. Later in the month, bring your dog to training with Officer Gibney. Hope to see you all at one or more of the events.

Meet the Block Captains



Alison Traub - WY-29 Buck Island Village

Alison Traub moved to Cape Cod from Batavia, NY in 1987. She has worked in the fast paced world of retail most of her life, and served as the Territory Manager for Keebler Cookies for over twenty years. Passionate about customer service and helping people Alison excelled in her position with the cookie company. Alison was diagnosed with Cancer in 2014 which directly affected the change of her life goals. As any survivor of a near fatal disease knows; life truly is short, so you should do things that matter. Adopting this new philosophy Alison has immersed herself in the community and helping those around her. From organizing food drives to benefit Yarmouth's Food Pantry, walking dogs at the MSPCA, collecting donations for families devastated by a home fire, and driving folks to and from doctor appointments Alison can always be found looking out for others around her. She is the perfect Neighborhood Watch Captain as she has a natural ability for investigation and scouting out suspicious activity. Alison is grateful for an amazing group of neighborhood friends and advocates education as a deterrent to crime.

National Coffee with a Cop Day

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

Who would have thought that in 2011 a simple idea on how to build better relationships with the citizens in Hawthorne California would end up making a huge impact in the United States and around the globe. Supported and encouraged by Hawthorne Police and the U.S Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing, Coffee with a Cop grew. At Coffee with a Cop events in small towns and big cities alike, police officers and citizens learned about each other, formed bonds and grew important community relationships that helped weave the fabric of a better community. Since Coffee with a Cop's humble beginnings, there have been thousands of Coffee with a Cop events in all 50 states and nine different countries in four languages.

Coffee with a Cop is simple, effective and it just plain works. Coffee with a Cop is "grassroots" as it gets, it brings people together to talk over coffee (or anything else you prefer) with no agenda and no speeches, just open and honest communication.

We would like to invite you to be part of this amazing movement by joining the conversation between law enforcement and communities around the United States. The first Wednesday of October is deemed National Coffee with a Cop Day. Please join us on October 4th at Dunkin Donuts, 436 Station Avenue from 8 AM to 10 AM, for a free small coffee. Let's continue to build and strengthen relationships, one cup at a time!

Yarmouth Police Stop Over 5,000 Vehicles Each Year

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

Where is my regular man?

In addition to responding crimes in progress, crashes, drug overdoses, robberies, domestic violence attacks, noisy parties, shootings, stabbings, mental health issues, homelessness, littering, and the wide variety of other policing issues that occur in Yarmouth and others all over Cape Cod, the Patrol Force addresses the increasing reports of motor vehicle law violations in the Town of Yarmouth.

Patrol Officers proactively patrol 24/7 in both marked, semi-marked and unmarked cruisers as well as motorcycles. Officers are specially trained in the use of radar and all are cruisers are equipped with certified radar units.

We have nearly 300 miles of roadway and 1,000 streets to patrol. Traffic-related issues continue to be one of most frequent and important complaints and concerns. If YOU have a particular street that you have concerns about, please let us know and we will do our best to address your concerns!

This is our current list of roads that citizens have complained about:

Route 28, Route 6A, West Yarmouth Road, Willow Street, Cross Street, Center Street, Wood Road, Long Pond Drive, Witchwood Road, North Dennis Road, South Street, South Shore Drive, Seaview Avenue, South Sea Avenue, Station Avenue, North Main Street, Cleveland Way, Strawberry Lane, White Rock Road, High Bank Road, Great Western Road, West Great Western Road, Weir Road, Higgins Crowell Road, Winslow Gray Road, Berry Avenue, Hemeon Drive, Camp Street, Setucket Road, Bray Farm Road, Regional Avenue, Bayview Street, Buck Island Road, Park Avenue, Baxter Avenue, Run Pond Road and Ocean Avenue.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AWARD

Source: Deputy Chief of Police Steven G. Xiarhos

For the second time in the past four years, the Yarmouth Police Department has been awarded the New England Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award for the best Law Enforcement Agency in New England in the 15,000 to 30,000 residents' category. We received the same honor in 2012 and are extremely proud to earn the title again.

As the President's Task Force on 21st Century policing reports, the mission is "to build trust between citizens and their law enforcement officers so that all components of the community treat one another fairly and justly and we are invested in maintaining public safety in an atmosphere of mutual respect." Community policing is a philosophy as well as a way of doing everyday business which emphasizes developing and maintaining partnerships with all members of the community and other government agencies. Community Policing in Yarmouth is a commitment to confront the immediate and long-term causes of crime through cooperative problem solving designed to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for everyone who resides, works, and visits our community.

In addition to preventing crime, apprehending and prosecuting those who violate the law, the Yarmouth Police Department conducts events throughout the year designed to help those in need and build trust and long-lasting partnerships. Trust and legitimacy grow from positive interactions based on more than enforcement actions. One of the ways that the Yarmouth Police Department builds trust and legitimacy is by establishing a positive presence at community activities and events, participating in proactive problem solving, and ensuring that everyone has a voice while working with our officers.

Just a few of partnerships and programs are:

- The Yarmouth Police Community Advisory Team
- Yarmouth Substance Awareness Committee
- Neighborhood Crime Watch – Over 120 Neighborhoods
- Yarmouth Police Foundation
- Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Code Red Community Messaging
- Proactive Anti-Crime Unit
- Secret Santa for Seniors
- Learn to Cope Addiction Recovery and Family Support Meetings
- Stuff A Cruiser with Food for Families in Need for Yarmouth Food Pantry
- Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captains Meeting
- Use of Facebook, Twitter, and other Social Media with over 15,000 Followers
- White Ribbon Day to End Violence against Woman
- Dennis Yarmouth High School Police Explorers
- Coffee with the Chief
- Citizens Police Academy 22nd session
- Operation 'Safe Ride Home' on all Major Holidays
- Back to School Shop with a Cop
- National Night Out Against Crime
- And many more too numerous to include within the confines of this newsletter

In 2016 the men and women of the Yarmouth Police Department continued to move strongly forward in transforming Yarmouth into the safest community in the region and we look forward to maintaining our standard of Excellence in Policing in 2017 and beyond.

TOWN OF YARMOUTH REMEMBERS 911

Source: Deputy Chief of Police Steven G. Xiarhos

On Monday, Spetember 11th, a powerful remembrance ceremony was conducted at the Town of Yarmouth 9/11 Memorial Garden located on the grounds of Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters. It was a beautiful setting with music, prayer, our National Anthem, Taps, remarks and a beautiful rendition of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' by Alayna Rooney. Thanks to everyone who participated with special thanks to local resident and Patriot Maureen Tuohy-Bedford for making it all happen and the young and very talented Charlie Clark of Tengu Photography for these stunning pictures.

We will always remember the powerful and poignant words of our Guest Speaker George 'Tony' Morrison Principal of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School who is also a United States Marine and United States Army Soldier as well as the unforgettable remarks by Special Speaker Julia Monteiro Johnson who is a retired Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Educator---the loving wife of a Veteran---a friend of the YPD; and most importantly...a mom.

We honor all first responders who by virtue of what they do and who they are, much like our military, willing to give their lives for us every day. I remember them AND by your presence I know YOU REMEMBER them all as well.

In closing, former President Barack Obama, last year, on the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, said the following, “We remember, and we will never forget, the nearly 3,000 beautiful lives taken from us so cruelly... including 184 men, women and children here, the youngest just three years old. We honor the courage of those who put themselves in harm’s way to save people they never knew. We come together in prayer and in gratitude for the strength that has fortified us across these 15 years. And we renew the love and the faith that binds us together as one American family.”

Thank you again America, Cape Cod and Yarmouth for continuing to remember! We must never forget and we must teach our children about the day terrorism arrived in our daily lives!

Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch on Home Security

The Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch Program will hold its next semi-annual Block Captain's Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM (6:30 sign in) at the Yarmouth Senior Center. In addition to an update from YPD Chief Frank Frederickson, the guest Speaker is Larry Fennelly. Mr Fenelly was in charge of Crime Prevention at the Harvard University Police Department for over 20 years, and has authored more than 40 books on security and crime prevention. His talk entitled "Have you ever wondered why one home is broke into and yours wasn't?" will cover home security and related topics. This meeting is open to all Yarmouth residents. For more information visit www.yncw.org, or email info@yncw.org. Block captains are requested to invite their blocks to this meeting.

Next Dog Walkers Training Session

The next session of training for the Dog Walkers Crime Watch is scheduled for Monday October 23 at 6:00 PM at the YPD headquarters. Training will be led by Officer Mary Gibney. Yarmouth residents are invited to bring their dog and receive a Dog Walkers Crime Watch blue bandana. Learn more at www.yncw.org/dog.

Wise giving in the wake of Hurricane Harvey

Source: Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

It's heartbreaking to see people lose their lives, homes, and businesses to the ongoing flooding in Texas. But it's despicable when scammers exploit such tragedies to appeal to your sense of generosity. If you're looking for a way to give, the FTC urges you to be cautious of potential charity scams. Do some research to ensure that your donation will go to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised.

Consider these tips when asked to give:

- Donate to charities you know and trust with a proven track record with dealing with disasters.
- Be alert for charities that seem to have sprung up overnight in connection with current events. Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar.
- Designate the disaster so you can ensure your funds are going to disaster relief, rather than a general fund.
- Never click on links or open attachments in e-mails unless you know who sent it. You could unknowingly install malware on your computer.
- Don't assume that charity messages posted on social media are legitimate. Research the organization yourself.
- When texting to donate, confirm the number with the source before you donate. The charge will show up on your mobile phone bill, but donations are not immediate.
- Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the National Association of State Charity Officials. If they should be registered, but they're not, consider donating through another charity.

To learn more, go to Charity Scams. For tips to help you prepare for, deal with, and recover from a severe weather event, visit Dealing with Weather Emergencies.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Coffee with a Cop	Yarmouth Senior Center	10/04/2017	8:00 - 10:00 AM
Block Captains Meeting	Yarmouth Senior Center	10/04/2017	6:30 PM
Yarmouth Seaside Festival	Joshua Sears Memorial Field	10/07 - 10/09/2017	
NCW Meeting	Yarmouth Police Station	10/11/2017	10:00 AM
NCW Dog Walkers Training	Yarmouth Police Station	10/23/2017	6:00 PM

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Block captains are requested to ensure that their members get a copy of the CAT. You can email them a copy or sign them up for a subscription. Block captains will get a copy automatically and do not need to subscribe.

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 Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch—Visit our web site www.yncw.org . Here you can find out if you are in a current block, and learn more about the program and how to start your own block. You can also contact us at info@yncw.org.