

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

*Chief Frank Frederickson*

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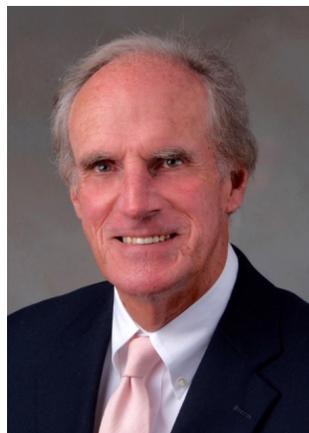
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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Welcome to the new year. Hopefully everyone survived our frigid period and record high tide without major incident – only 8 more weeks until spring. We are in the process of surveying our block captains, hopefully you are all working with your area captain. We are planning to try some new things this year and schedule classes in self-defense and CPR training, more on that as we make arrangements. As you work with your area captain, we would like to hear news from your block, and feedback on Neighborhood Crime Watch and what you would like to see in the program.



## MEET THE BLOCK CAPTAIN

### Michael Britz - SY15

I was born in New York City, grew up in north Jersey and raised my family just outside Goshen, New York. I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, married my high school sweetheart, Janet, and have two daughters and two grandsons living in Connecticut and Myrtle Beach. After spending two years in the army during the Viet Nam War, I went to work for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in sales and marketing. Thirty-two years later, I retired and we moved to the Cape full time. We have lived in our present home in Blue Rock Landing since 2005, a wonderful neighborhood of 100 homes with warm and friendly people. We couldn't be happier. After a couple of house break-ins in the area, however, I became interested in the Neighborhood Crime Watch. The CAT goes out to all our members and crime watch is always a part the board meetings. Neighbors here look out for each other, as we have many second homes and "snowbirds". Our streets and Bass River Waterfront common area are signed with NCW .

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN GRANT

Source: YPD Facebook



On December 27th, State Rep. Timothy Whelan and Lt. Governor Karen Polito presented Chief Frederickson with \$55,000 of annual funding for the next four years through the Violence Against Women's Act Stop Grant. The funding will be used to hire a full time Domestic Violence Advocate. The Advocate will improve communications with victims and families of violence through support services.



Pictured with Rep. Whelan and Chief Frederickson are Det. Sgt. Kalil Boghdan and Independence House representative Annie Catalano.

Detective Michael Zontini was instrumental developing the grant and working with Rep. Whelan who provided the much needed procedural assistance.

Thank You to Governor Baker, the Executive Office of Public Safety and the Office of Grants and Research.

## Wireless Direct Emergency 911 Calls Now Go Directly to YPDPSAP

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

The Yarmouth Police Department has become one of the few agencies in the Commonwealth to have the ability to directly receive and answer emergency 911 wireless telephone calls.

In the past, wireless calls would all go to the Massachusetts State Police in Framingham and then needed to be transferred.

Now, all wireless calls that occur in Yarmouth-- except those coming from Route 6 which will go to the State Police--will come directly to Yarmouth Police Department Public Safety Answering Point Dispatch Center (YPDPSAP) allowing us to send help quicker, safer, and more efficiently.

Thank you Massachusetts State 911 Department for all of your help and support!

## YPD Records Department

In-person (in hand) requests at: Yarmouth Police Records Department, Yarmouth Police Headquarters, One Brad Ericson Way, West Yarmouth MA. Records Department office hours are:

Mon. 1:00pm- 4:00pm    Tues-Fri. 9:00am- 12:00pm

Although the YPD does not accept public records requests over the phone, the Records Division will be happy to assist by phone. We are generally available at the following extensions from 8:00am to 3:30pm.

Records Officer Philip Magnuson: (508) 775-0445 X 2136    Evidence Technician Dotty Lavin: (508) 775-0445 X 2010    Records Clerk Colleen Nixon: (508) 775-0445 x 2121    General Records Office inquiries: (508) 775-0445 X 2020





## YARMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT DRONE

By: Mike Sahagian

The Yarmouth Police Foundation and Bluecoats of Yarmouth made a formal presentation of the new YPD Drone being donated to the Town of Yarmouth and the Yarmouth Police Department on Thursday, December 7 at 2:30.

The cost of the Drone was \$7,600 which came equipped with one camera, an I Pad that the camera transmits video to, four battery packs and a carrying case. An additional infrared and heat seeking camera, FLIR, will be added in the near future for an additional cost of \$6,000. The new Drone, officially known as a small Unmanned Aircraft System, will have a variety of public protection and safety uses. Some of the uses are:

- Search and rescue for lost, missing, or endangered persons
- Photographic and video documentation missions
- Motor vehicle crash investigations, crash scene mapping
- Criminal investigations and crime scene mapping
- Tactical response missions (e.g., hostage rescue/barricaded subject)
- Fire Services support
- Homeland Security-related missions

There was a PowerPoint presentation made by Lieutenant Kevin Lennon in the YPD Meeting room followed by a question and answer segment and a live demonstration in the YPD parking lot. This event was open to the media and all members of the public.

If anyone is interested in reviewing the YPD policies regarding the use of the Drone, you may contact the YPD to for a copy of their policies.



## BEARDS FOR A BENEFIT

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

Beards For A Benefit is a special initiative started by Patrol Sergeant John Fallon and involves Yarmouth Police Officers being allowed to grow a beard for three months if they agree to make a \$100 donation to support Children's Cove. Children's Cove provides services to children and their families who are victims of sexual assault and abuse. We have raised over \$3,000 so far!

## FREE GUN LOCKS

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

FREE GUN LOCKS!

Stop in at YPD Headquarters anytime and pick up a free Gun Lock in our main lobby.

Thank you National Shooting Sports Foundation and Project ChildSafe!



## CAPE COD SHOP WITH A COP AT CHRISTMAS 2017

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

35 Kids and 18 Police Officers had a wonderful day shopping and spending time with each other on December 13th. Each student was given \$150 to help them Shop with a Cop for their families for the holidays.

Check out the cool video on YPD Facebook...

<https://www.facebook.com/yarmouthpolice/videos/1920855997929407/>

The YPD and all Cape Cod Police Departments extend our thanks to all of those who make financial contributions big and small to make this annual event another positive experience and a big success.

Special thanks to Sam Diego's for proving the delicious lunch for everyone and Kohl's for their support and generous discount for the children and their families.

What we do in life echoes in eternity .



## \$10,00 SPEED TRAILER DONATED BY MAPLEWOOD AT MAYFLOWER PLACE

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

Thanks to a \$10,000 donation from Maplewood at Mayflower Senior Living Center in West Yarmouth, we have received a brand new Decatur state-of-the-art Speed Monitoring Awareness Trailer.

The trailer is replacing a 20-year-unit and is fully funded by this very generous private donation and an excellent example of private/public entities working together for a better and safer community.

This is a nice addition to the eight posted Solar Speed Signs that we have in various locations all over town.

THANK YOU Maplewood at Mayflower!

## PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Source: [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov)



Take steps to protect yourself from identity theft:

- Secure your social security number (SSN). Only give out your SSN when absolutely necessary.
- Don't respond to unsolicited requests for personal information (your name, birthdate, social security number, or bank account number) by phone, mail, or online.
- Contact the three credit reporting agencies to request a freeze of your credit reports.
- Collect mail promptly. [Place a hold on your mail](#) when you are away from home for several days.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. If bills or financial statements are late, contact the sender.
- Enable the security features on mobile devices, especially if you have contacts, banking websites and applications saved.
- Update sharing and firewall settings when you're on a public wi-fi network.
- Review your credit card and bank account statements. Watch for unauthorized transactions.
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired credit cards, to prevent "dumpster divers" from getting your personal information.
- Store personal information in a safe place at home and at work.
- Install firewalls and virus-detection software on your home computer.
- [Create complex passwords](#) that identity thieves cannot guess easily. Change your passwords if a company that you do business with has a breach of its databases
- Review your credit report once a year to be certain that it doesn't include accounts that you have not opened. You can order it for free from [Annualcreditreport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com).

## THE BLUECOATS ARE COMING

By: Mike Sahagian

The Yarmouth Police Foundation

2nd Annual Celebration

"The Bluecoats Are Coming"

Featuring James Montgomery and the Loft All Star Band

April 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM The Loft Restaurant and Bar

Stay tuned for more information and ticket availability





## SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events



Event	Location	Date	Time
Polar Plunge	Smugglers Beach	01/21/2018	12:00 PM
NCW Meeting	Yarmouth Police Station	02/14/2018	10:00 AM
The Bluecoats Are Coming	The Loft Restaurant	04/28/2018	7:00 PM

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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](mailto:cat@yncw.org).

Interested in learning more about, or joining Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch—Visit our web site [www.yncw.org](http://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](mailto:info@yncw.org).