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"MAKE YARMOUTH THE SAFEST COMMUNITY IN THE REGION"

Chief Frank Frederickson

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Lee Hawkins, Neighborhood Crime Watch Chairman

Hope everyone had a good time at National Night Out, glad to see a good turnout, and we were blessed with great weather. Thanks to all the town employees for the demonstrations and exhibits and to the Yarmouth Police Foundation for sponsoring the event.

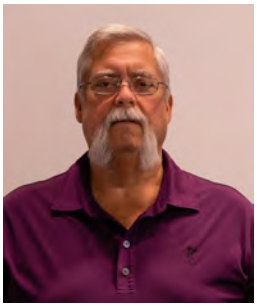
This month we have great news with two new area captains for West Yarmouth. We welcome Mike Walsh and Alison Traub to the Neighborhood Crime Watch team; read more about them in this issue. The Area captains are the backbone of the program, recruiting and training new block captains, and assisting current block captains. As the program has grown to 115 blocks, we have increased the number of Area Captains so that we now have two in each of our areas of South Yarmouth, West Yarmouth and Yarmouth Port. We welcome Alison and Mike and thank them for joining us in this important role. Both have been block captains for some time and bring many skills to the team.

Save the date of October 10 at 7:00 PM for out next Block Captains Meeting at the Senior Center. More details will be coming soon.

MEET THE AREA CAPTAINS

ALISON TRAUB - WEST YARMOUTH AREA CAPTAIN

Alison Traub moved to Cape Cod from Batavia, NY in 1987. She 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. Adopting a philosophy of giving back, Alison has immersed herself in the community by helping those around her. She has organized food drives to benefit Yarmouth's Food Pantry, walked dogs at the MSPCA, collected donations for families devastated by a home fire, and drove neighbors to and from doctor appointments. Alison has served as Block Captain at Buck Island Village for two years and is excited about her new role with Neighborhood Crime Watch as Area Captain West Yarmouth B. Alison is grateful for an amazing group of friends and neighbors and looks forward to making new friends throughout town.



Mike Walsh - West Yarmouth Area Captain

Michael worked as a member of Law Enforcement for nearly two decades. For the past 20 years, Mike established a consulting company that specialized in culture change, process improvement and team building / problem resolution. Michael was very passionate in developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes among new audiences' ready to learn and then apply those lessons within the workplace

Michael and his wife Laurie have lived in West Yarmouth since 1985 where they raised three children. Both Mike and Laurie have been civically involved for many years; both graduates of the Yarmouth Citizens Police Academy. Mike has served as a Yarmouth VIP for the Yarmouth Police Department and has been a Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captain since 2013. Mike continues to help and support the YPD wherever and whenever he can – including support of additional training for Police, K-9 protective vests and the YPD Police Foundation.

Now semi-retired, Mike is passionate about Yarmouth NCW. Mike often comments," I have had two wonderful careers making a living – Now it is time to make a difference".

Congratulations Senior Master Sergeant Nick Giammarco

Source: Steven G. Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of Police

Yarmouth Police Department Records Division Officer Nicholas R. Giammarco---who also serves our Nation as a member of the United States Air Force---has been promoted to Senior Master Sergeant! Senior Master Sergeant Giammarco is assigned to the 102d Security Forces Squadron, Otis Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts.

Nick is a third generation Yarmouth Police Officer. His Father and Grandfather also served with the Yarmouth Police Department. We thank you for your ongoing Commitment to our Community, our Commonwealth, and our Country, Senior Master Sergeant Giammarco!

Web Browser Security

Source: Lee Hawkins

Web browsers have become one of the most common software tools we use on our electronics such as cell phones, tablets and personal computers. They are the way we connect to the internet for searching, browsing, purchasing, etc. However, they also pose risks to our personal information. In the early days of the internet, the browser was primarily a one-way device, i.e. we looked up information on a company or organization web site about their products or services. That quickly changed as the web sites became dynamic and we could login and provide personal information that was unique to us, like bank accounts, or order products from the web site. That created a dilemma on how to make the connection secure. An internet connection passes through many systems to get from your device to the specific server that hosts the web site. There are tools available that can snoop an internet connection and read what information is passing between your device and the targeted web site. By default, this is sent as plain text and a third party can read your password or credit card number, etc. Kind of like a party line on your telephone (google it if you are under 70).

WEB BROWSER SECURITY (CONT.)

To solve this problem a tool that was originally called Secure Socket Layer (SSL) was created. This uses a specific file called a key that helps authenticate a web site as being owned by the people who say they own it. The key file also provides necessary data to establish encryption so that anyone snooping the connection can't read your personal data. When a connection is using SSL and encryption, you will see the locked padlock symbol in the address bar and https (where the s indicates secure) at the front of the address. All information over this link is encrypted.

Do All Sites use SSL

Unfortunately, there are still many sites that don't use SSL and aren't secure. There are two reasons: cost and complexity. The key file is provided by a few trusted companies that do the validation service and maintain the coded data that is in the file. The web site owner has to purchase this file and pay a yearly maintenance fee for the key. In addition, the key has to be installed correctly and the site modified to set up the encryption process.

An unencrypted site is ok for sites where you are just clicking on links to look up information. However, you never want to enter personal information like passwords, credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc. on an unencrypted link.

What is Changing

Finally, there is a push to make all sites use SSL. It is still voluntary and web sites aren't required to use SSL. However, the industry is doing two things to help encourage secure connections.

The first change is that most web hosting companies are now providing free (at least for an initial period) keys and are providing tools to make it much easier to apply the key to a web site. We recently upgraded the Yarmouth Police Foundation and Yarmouth Neighborhood Crime Watch sites to use SSL and you should now see that when you connect to them.

The second change is that the major browsers like Safari, Edge, Chrome or Firefox are making it more obvious when you are at risk. When you connect to any login area, the major browsers will warn if that the login isn't secure. The specific warning will depend on the browser, but all will tell you if login isn't secure.

The browsers also have added security information on all web pages. Just to the left of the address bar is an area that shows the padlock symbol if the site is secure. If not, they now put a letter i in a circle in this area and if you click here, you will get information telling you the site is not secure. If the site is secure and you click in this area, you get details on who provided the certificate and more technical information. Google's Chrome browser has recently taken this further. In Chrome, every page will explicitly say Secure or Not Secure in this area, making the status obvious. They also check that the key is from a trusted source.

What Should you Do

- Pay attention to the security status to the left of the address on web pages
- Don't log in on a non secure connection
- Don't enter personal information on a non secure page

Keep in mind that SSL doesn't help if the site server like Facebook gets hacked and exposes your information. In this case, you should login immediately and change your password. Try to use unique passwords for all sites. As a minimum, make sure your passwords for bank and other sensitive sites are different from social media sites.

8TH ANNUAL YARMOUTH POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Source: Command Staff of the Yarmouth Police Department

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 5:00PM to 7:30 PM the men and women of the Yarmouth Police Department and the Yarmouth Police Foundation hosted our 8th Annual National Night Out Against Crime.

The Yarmouth Police Department embraces the concept of Excellence in Policing and is working diligently to transform Yarmouth into one of the safest communities in the region.

We always look forward to working together with our community and are proud of the many diverse and successful programs that we have grown and expanded on behalf of all of the residents, workers, and visitors that we are each sworn to protect and serve.

This special night took place on the grounds of the former John Simpkins School located on Old Main Street in South Yarmouth and is part of the nationwide 36th Annual National Night Out against crime program.

YPD National Night Out offered free food, drinks, snacks and a chance to see:

- Police K9 Unit Demonstration
- Police SWAT Team Demonstration
- Yarmouth Fire Department Fire Trucks and Ambulance
- Yarmouth Department of Natural Resources Rescue Boat

In addition, our second Junior Police Officer Academy Graduation took place.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the following for providing:

- The Loft - Pizza
- Cumberland Farms - Drinks & Chips
- Annie Shaw & Katie Taylor - Face Painting
- Sheriff Cummings - Tent
- Nauset Disposal - Trash Collection & Portable Toilets

Watch Out for Card Skimming at the Gas Pump

By: Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

With the summer travel season in high gear, the FTC is warning drivers about skimming scams at the pump.

Skimmers are illegal card readers attached to payment terminals. These card readers grab data off a credit or debit card's magnetic stripe without your knowledge. Criminals sell the stolen data or use it to buy things online. You won't know your information has been stolen until you get your statement or an overdraft notice.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid a skimmer when you gas up:

Make sure the gas pump panel is closed and doesn't show signs of tampering. Many stations now put security seals over the cabinet panel. If the pump panel is opened, the label will read "void."

Photo credit: National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) and Conexxus

Look at the card reader itself. Does it look different than other readers at the station? For example, the card reader on the left has a skimmer attached; the reader on the right doesn't.

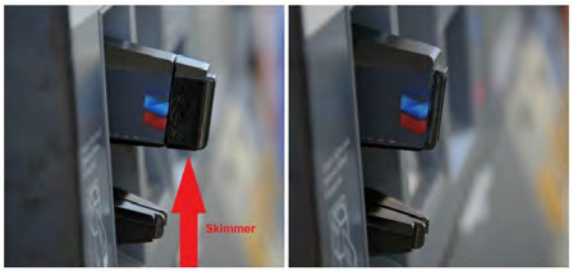


Photo credit: Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Kamloops, Canada

Try to wiggle the card reader before you put in your card. If it moves, report it to the attendant. Then use a different pump.

If you use a debit card at the pump, run it as a credit card instead of entering a PIN. That way, the PIN is safe and the money isn't deducted immediately from your account.

If you're really concerned about skimmers, pay inside rather than at the pump.

Monitor your credit card and bank accounts regularly to spot unauthorized charges.

If your credit card has been compromised, report it to your bank or card issuer. Federal law limits your liability if your credit, ATM, or debit card is lost or stolen, but your liability may depend on how quickly you report the loss or theft. For more information, read Lost or Stolen Credit, ATM, and Debit Cards.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
NCW Meeting	YPD	September 12, 2018	10:00 AM
Yarmouth Seaside Festival	Joshua Sears Memorial Field	October 6 - 8, 2018	
Block Captains Meeting	Yarmouth Senior Center	October 10, 2018	7:00 - 9:00 PM
First Responder American Pride Ride 2018	YPD	October 14, 2018	10:00 AM

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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.

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.