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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 summer. Fall is officially here - the Red Sox are on their way to another World Series, the Patriots are back on track and the Celtics finally have their stars back. This month we met several new people at the Seaside Festival, which will hopefully lead to some new blocks.

We also had a great turnout for our recent Block Captain's meeting. Thanks to Lt Kevin Lennon from YPD and Captain Kevin Huck from YFD for an excellent job. Many good questions from the audience, thanks also to those who came out. We have included some follow up notes from Captain Huck's presentation on smoke and CO detectors. Especially now that heating season is here and our homes are closed up for the winter, these are critical live saving devices and required by law.

We are planning our next training session in the next few weeks. If you aren't in one of our blocks, this would be a good time to start one in your neighborhood. Visit our web site to see if you are in a block and contact us.

Remember that Tuesday November 6 is election day.

October 10 Block Captain's Meeing

Lieutenant Kevin Lennon

Captain Kevin Huck

Fire Safety

Source: Captain Kevin Huck YFD

Captain Kevin Huck gave a very informative talk at our Block Captains meeting. We included a few follow up points from his presentation below. See the YFD Fire Prevention web page for more information. See also Smoke and Carbon Monoxide requirements published by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. You will need an inspection when selling a residence. Be sure to change the batteries at least yearly.

Carbon Monoxide detectors

- Are required in Massachusetts in all places of habitation where fossil fuels are burned
- The sensors have a life expectancy of 5-7 years, newer detectors are good for ten years. They have a date code on the back which indicates when they were built.
- If it goes off, evacuate the house and call 911, do not ventilate! It will help the fire department determine source of CO
- Can be hardwired or battery operated
- Can be placed at any height
- Must have on each level including habitable basements and attics.
- Must be within ten feet of bedrooms.

Smoke Detectors

- Are required on every habitable level of the residence
- On older homes, can be battery operated (pre 1975) Should have ten year sealed battery.
- On houses built after August 27, 1975 they must be hardwired, interconnected and have battery backup.
- Have a life expectancy of 10 years they have a date code on the back which indicates when they were built. If they don't have a date code, they predate the law requiring them and should be replaced.
- Need to be on the ceiling

House numbers

House numbers should be on the house and visible from the street. If the house is far from the street, consider a pole or sign with the number that is nearer the street. Mail boxes can get plowed in and not be visible in the winter.

Thank You US Postal Service

Source: Deputy Chief Steven Xiarhos

The Yarmouth Police Department received a very special plaque in memory of Sergeant Sean M. Gannon from the United States Postal Service during an unveiling ceremony at the Yarmouth Seaside Festival.

The plaque depicts the brand new 'Honoring First Responders' stamp and reads as follows::

Presented to The Yarmouth Police Department
40th Annual Seaside Festival Road Race
Dedicated to K9 Sergeant Sean M. Gannon
"Heroes Live Forever"
Honoring First Responders
Special Stamp Dedication
October 7, 2018

Sex Offender/Crime Data

We were recently asked about where people can find the location of Sex Offenders. There are two ways you can find information: Mass.gov page on Sex Offenders and the CrimeReports web site. The former is a good source of information and may provide more detail, the latter gives you a very quick and visual location and picture with a brief description of the offender. Crime reports, as the name indicates, also covers all types of crimes, not just the sex offender registry.

Keep in mind the following from the state site:

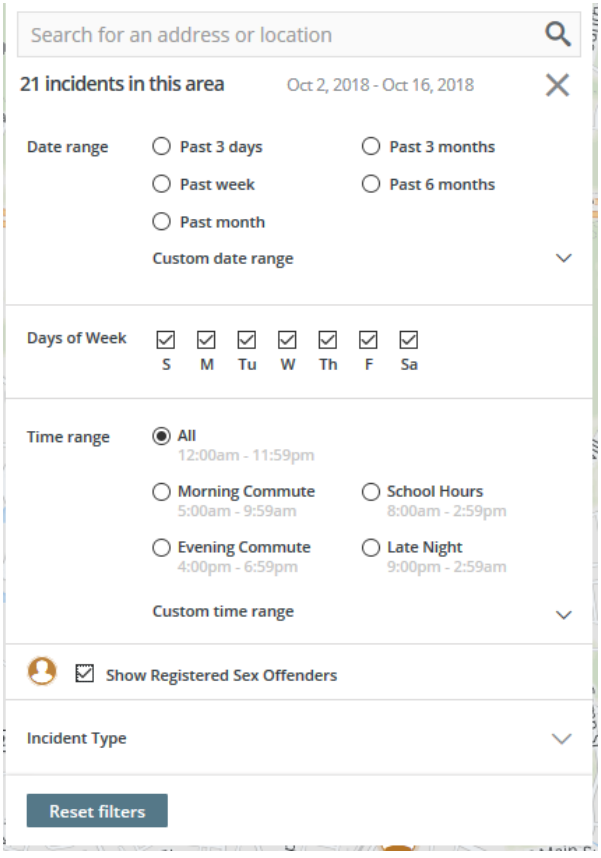
> *"Sex offender registration information shall not be used to commit a crime against an offender or engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who uses sex offender registration information for such purpose shall be punished by not more than two and one-half (2 ½) years in a house of correction or by a fine of not more than $1000.00 or both. M.G.L. c. 6, § 178N."*

Mass.gov

Massachusetts has a web page on Information about Sex Offenders. This is a very informative page that will tell you about the levels of sex offender and who is required to report. There are three levels of offender based on dangerousness and probability to reoffend. Level 1 (least risk) offender data is not available to the public, levels 2 and 3 are public records. The site also has a search capability where you can search for an individual, or a list by area. Use the button labeled "Search for Sex offenders". This will bring you to a page where you can search for an individual by name, a city county or zip code, or an address with a search radius.

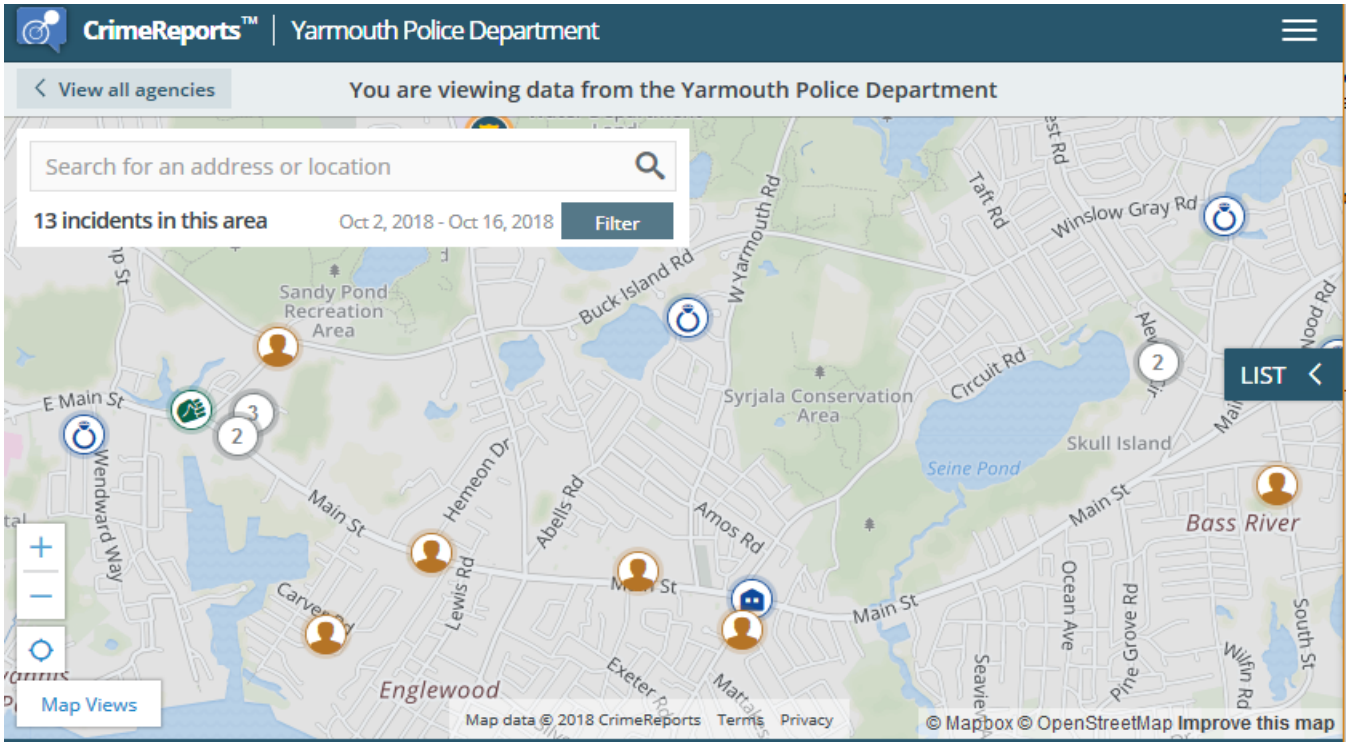
Crime Reports

CrimeReports is a web site that maps the location of crimes by area, based on information provided by local police departments. Yarmouth does report to this web site and it is linked on the YPD web site. Here is a direct link the YPD Area. This site has a very easy and intuitive dialog box that lets you search for a specific location, or select a date and time window, as well incident types that you want to see. Each incident will be shown on the map. From the opening screen, click on the Filter button to see the dialog box shown to the right. As you select the various options, the map will update. If you click on one of the icons that appear on the map, you will get more details on the incident. If you see a circle with a number, that indicates there are multiple incidents in that area. Click on the circle to show the individual incidents.



CrimeReports also has an additional option to show registered sex offenders. If you click this option, you will see the registered offenders on the map. Clicking on a person icon will show a picture and description of the registered offender, and a list of all offenders.

Use the Incident Type drop down to select the type of crime, and the check box for Registered Sex Offenders. Sample output shown on the next page.



STRONGER SHIELD

SOURCE: DEPUTY CHIEF STEVEN XIARHOS

Members of the Yarmouth Police Department and the Yarmouth Police Foundation met on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 10AM at Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters to launch STRONGER SHIELD, a capital campaign for a state of the art Police Officer training complex at the Yarmouth Police Department Headquarters in West Yarmouth.

The facility would be the first of its kind on Cape Cod enabling law enforcement officers and K-9 teams to train in realistic environments in a dedicated/secure outdoor area behind headquarters.

The goal of STRONGER SHIELD is to:

- Acquire an interactive simulation technology for patrol officers who remain exposed to the same threats and dangers as their big-city counterparts
- Construct an on-site mock house for the K9, Police Officer, and S.W.A.T. team's realistic training environment
- Develop next-generation K-9 and Police Officer Obstacle Training Course
- Acquire an enclosed live-round training range

The complex will be named the Sergeant Sean M. Gannon K-9/Police Officer Training Facility, and dedicated in honor of Sergeant Sean Gannon who was murdered in the line of duty on April 12, 2018, while executing an arrest warrant in the Town of Barnstable. Gannon's canine partner, K9 Nero, was also shot and continues to recover from his wounds.

Members of the Yarmouth Police Foundation, the Yarmouth Police Department, and special guest Mr. Roger Ludwig of the Weny Charitable Trust ---who is helping to launch this campaign with an initial $150,000 donation and another $150,000 donation after January 1, 1019 were available to further explain this initiative to members of the media and the public.

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date	Time
Trunk or Treat	First Congregational Church Yarmouth Port	Friday October 26	5:00—6:30 PM
Drug Turn in Day	YPD	Saturday October 27	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Election	Various *	Tuesday November 6	
NCW Team Meeting	YPD	Wednesday November 14	10:00 AM

* See the Town Clerk's page for your polling location and sample ballots

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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.