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Community Engagement Unit



The Community Engagement Unit (CEU) would like everyone to know about your Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings that are held 10 times a year in each precinct (see last page for dates, times, and locations). These meetings consist of liaisons from most of the various City Departments. The police commanders of each precinct assist the civilian CAC president, similar to a co-host. The various liaisons speak to an audience of citizens to keep them updated on the latest information, news and events. There are special guests that explain details about a Department or a City service and hot topics.

Consider it a shareholder's meeting where the company (City) reports to the owners (citizens) about what is going on with their business. You can ask questions or express concerns during the meeting with people who have direct knowledge of how the business operates, which is more effective than calling the Mayor's Office with your concerns. We all want to be effective in our jobs and this is a great way to start finding an efficient solution through education and practices.

Communication is a key ingredient to any good relationship and CEU uses these meetings to inform citizens about all of the programs and services we have to offer through the Community Engagement Unit. We can tell you about the latest crime trends and offer simple, sound advice on what you can do to reduce criminal opportunity in your neighborhood.

Like most of our programs, communication is the key to reduce crime through education, awareness and understanding. We all have a common goal ... *To Prevent Crime!* Neighborhood Watch is primarily good communication between you and your neighbors with advice from officers and other City representatives. Please jump on the communication train and start by attending a CAC meeting or join the Neighborhood Watch.

Thank you - MPO Brad Dietrich



WANTED

Old, Used, Borrowed and Abused Child Safety Seats

Is your safety seat:

- ★ over eight years old?
- ★ from a yard sale or thrift store?
- ★ involved in an accident?



Safety seats that are old, used, borrowed or abused may harm your child in a crash.

During the month of **February 2019**, drop off that old seat at any location below for a

\$5 REWARD*

2019 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

** Limit two seats per person*

- Walmart Supercenters (Select Locations)
- AAA Offices in Hampton Roads

Please remove the harnesses and straps from the child seats prior to delivering them to the drop-off locations.

For more information call (757) 498-2562



The Old, Used, Borrowed & Abused Child Safety Seat Round-up is presented by



Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters • DMV: Highway Safety Office
Hoffman Beverage Co. • 13News Now

The Community Engagement Unit is excited to advertise
Open Enrollment for the Explorer Post 911.



The Post is gladly taking all qualified youth between the ages of 14-21 who want to work on their resume, collect volunteer hours for school or college, and learn about the police department and law enforcement as a possible career choice!

Please contact MPO B. Detrich at email: bdetrich@vbgov.com for dates and time of the next quarter enrollment meeting.

Please understand that larcenies from vehicles happen almost every night in Virginia Beach. You could be next if you leave valuables, spare keys, garage door openers, money, purses, wallets, backpacks, electronic devices, GUNS or anything else in plain view inside of your vehicle.

Most of the time these things are stolen because vehicles are left unlocked. At the very least, conceal your property in the trunk if you have to keep it in the car.

Lock your doors or **Beep It To Keep It!**



Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association Nominations

Each year the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) of Virginia Beach has honored individuals, community organizations and businesses that exemplified the values and mission of the CPAAA of Virginia Beach. We are seeking nominations for this year's awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Awards will be presented to recipients during a ceremony which will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Awards are given in six categories. Activities must have occurred during the 2018 calendar year:

- *Private Industry Award* – Presented to a local business that has advanced crime prevention and community engagement within the business community or within the community at-large. The nominee must be a for-profit business operating in Virginia Beach.
- *Community Organization Award* – Presented to a non-profit community organization that has actively promoted, developed and participated in crime prevention and community engagement activities that have enhanced the quality of life in their community.
- *Citizen Award* – Presented to a resident of Virginia Beach who has demonstrated a passion for making a difference in the community using crime prevention and community engagement initiatives and activities.
- *Youth Award* – Presented to a youth, between 13 and 18, who has participated in crime prevention and community engagement activities and programs, which have positively impacted the lives of others in Virginia Beach.
- *Law Enforcement Award* – Presented to a law enforcement official who has engaged in exceptional work while in the performance of their assigned duties. Their work must have taken place in Virginia Beach. Recipients may be a sworn law enforcement official from a local, state or federal agency.
- *Volunteer Award* – Presented to a citizen who volunteers with the Virginia Beach Police Department and has participated in and/or promoted crime prevention and community engagement activities and programs which have positively impacted the Virginia Beach community.

The link to the nomination form is here:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/police/opsdiv/Documents/AwardsForm.pdf>

Don't Let The Grinch Steal Your Joy!

The Virginia Beach Police Department's Community Engagement Unit (CEU) wants to remind you to stay vigilant ***all year round***, but especially during this holiday season. Here are a few tips to help you avoid being a victim during the holiday or anytime of the year.

1. Sign up for delivery alerts so you know when your delivery is scheduled and when the package has arrived.
2. If you're not able to be home when a package will be delivered, ask a trusted neighbor to hold it for you.
3. If possible, require a signature for all deliveries.
4. Consider shipping packages to your place of work or use the ship to store option.
5. Be a good neighbor! If you see a package on your neighbor's doorstep, reach out and ask if they would like you to hold it until they are home.
6. Keep an eye out in the neighborhood. If you see someone attempting to take packages get a description and a license plate, if possible. Use your phone to take a picture.

DO NOT approach a criminal and call 911 immediately! If you are a victim of theft, contact Virginia Beach Emergency Communications immediately at 385-5000 and report all crime.



Upcoming Events in 2019!

March 27-June 12: Citizen's Police Academy at Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalist building

March 27-28: Every 15 Minutes at First Colonial HS

March 30: Religious Institutions Scenario Training at Coastal Community Church

April 6: Autism Safety Day at Harbor Park

May 1-2: Every 15 Minutes at Tallwood HS

CAC Meetings

All meetings are held at 7pm

1st Precinct

Municipal Center, Bldg 19
2424 Courthouse Drive
1st Tuesdays
Except July & August

2nd Precinct

2nd Police Precinct
820 Virginia Beach Blvd
2nd Wednesdays
Except December

3rd Precinct

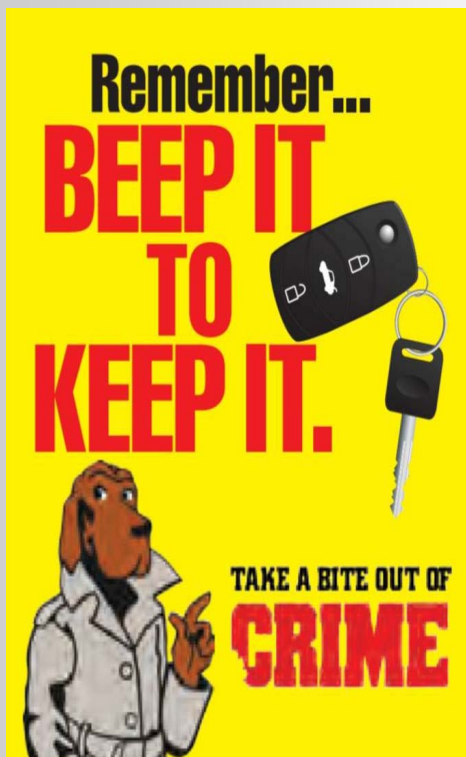
Williams Farm Rec Center
5252 Learning Circle
3rd Thursdays
Except July & December

4th Precinct

Glenwood Community Center
2097 Round Hill Road
4th Thursdays

Virginia Beach Business Watch ... Together We Can Reduce Crime

My friends and I at the Virginia Beach Police Department's Community Engagement Unit are excited to help you learn how to reduce the opportunity for crime to strike. Watch for our advice and events to learn more. This month I invite you to call and sign up for Business Watch. You can make an appointment to do a free security assessment of your business and even teach your staff how to "Take A Bite Out Of Crime".



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