2025 County of York Certified Crime Prevention Community Summary of County of York Final Report

A review of the nineteen (19) Core Elements and Optional Elements materials and discussion demonstrated that the prevention efforts of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office are strong and proactive. This York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office initial certification application for the Certified Crime Prevention Communities Program.

Throughout the review, it became clear that the success of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office prevention efforts was due to three factors: community interactions, the dedication of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office personnel not only to the Sheriff's Office but to their community, program developments, and finding ways to bridge the identified gaps within their community.

The County of York Board of Supervisors adopted the Certified Crime Prevention Community Program Resolution of Participation on January 16, 2024, and completed the Letter of Intent on January 18, 2024.

The York County Crime Prevention Council (YCCPC) was formed on January 16, 2024. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Board of Supervisors, York County School Division, Juvenile Court Services Unit, York-Poquoson Social Services, York County Economic and Tourism Development, Faith Based Community, Business Community, Citizen's/Community Group, and York-Poquoson Victim Witness program were named . On May 30, 2024, the first meeting of the YCCPC was held. There were 9 individuals that attended the meeting from 7 different organizations. The members identified a mission statement and goals for the program. The second meeting was held on August 15, 2024, with 11 individuals from 8 different organization in attendance.

Sheriff Diggs was elected as Sheriff of York County and the City of Poquoson in 1999. Shortly after taking office in 2000, he developed a crime prevention program and created a Deputy Sheriff Crime Prevention Officer position and attended the appropriate training and became a certified Crime Prevention Specialist. This position has been continually filled by a certified Crime Prevention Specialist. The current Crime Prevention Specialist is a DCJS certified General Instructor, School Resource Office, Crime Prevention Practitioner, Crime Prevention Specialist, and a nationally registered Crime Prevention Officer II.

The York Poquoson Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program began in 2000. A Crime Prevention Specialist shall make an introductory presentation to the interested Neighborhood Watch group, help establish the group and maintain contact with the group once established. In York County there are seven Neighborhood Watch groups and there have been 6 presentations in 2024. They provide community relations educational programs to include Personal Safety, Community Safety, Home Security, and Workplace Safety.

The Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition began meeting in August of 2017. The coalition and the SROs from the 3 School Divisions meet monthly. The coalition addressed the increase young adults overdose deaths, mirrored PAStop, attend Safe Kids Day, Safe Kids Coalition Saturday, and Children's Festival at the YMCA, Medication training was provided on how to administer Narcan and promote National Drug Take Back Days.

The Sheriff's Office uses the Crime Prevention Trailer, Tabletop Display, and social media to include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor, YouTube, and the Sheriff's Office Website to distribute crime prevention educational awareness information and materials. The York-Poquoson County Sheriff's Office has shared over hundred Crime Tips and other crime prevention information tips through their social media outlets. They share their Community Safety, Identity Thefts and Scams, and Securing the Faithful presentations on social media with an average of 20 citizens attendance.

In 2024, the York-Poquoson County Sheriff's Office conducted 13 Vulnerability Risk Assessments for at-risk neighborhoods and businesses. The crime prevention unit began providing the security and safety assessments for their citizens, businesses, faith-based communities, and schools in 2000. Today's methods of addressing the at-risk areas in their county utilizes a very comprehensive vulnerability risk assessment process.

Their Crime Analysis Unit works with several local, state, and national law enforcement agencies on consistent basis to assist each other. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is part of the Hampton Roads Crime Analysis Network (HRCAN) team that also consist of several of the law enforcement agencies from the Virginia Crime Network, but with the focus of the Hampton Roads area. Between 2013-2023, they had a total of 15,510 arrest made and in 2024 there was 1,055 arrests made with the utilization of the Crime Analysis Unit.

The York County School Division consists of 19 schools which are broken down as, 10 Elementary Schools, 4 Middle Schools, and 5 High Schools. Safety Audits are completed in all 19 schools by SROs annually. SROs are part of the school safety teams and participates in the safety drills. During the 2023-2024 school year, the SROs participated in 98 Fire Drills and 76 Lockdown Drills. The SROs supervisor is a member of the school division safety team that meets quarterly to address any safety concerns and look at current trends in the schools. The safety team consist of principals, maintenance, school security, student services, Chief Operations Officer, and Sheriff's Office. Emergency Management Plans are reviewed at a minimum, annually in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. Safety Audits of all York County Schools were most recently completed and submitted to DCJS in June of 2024.

In 2024, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office conducted 18,934 business patrol checks to include nighttime patrols. The patrols include walking around the businesses, checking doors, and windows to ensure that they are secure. The Crime Prevention Unit has delivered formal classes to businesses in person at many different venues on workplace safety and workplace violence. Their county has far less business-related crimes due to the investment and collaboration of both the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the business community.

The York-Poquoson Victim-Witness Program was established in 1986 and is partially funded by a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The program office is located in the York-Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. During 2023 and 2024 the York-Poquoson Victim-Witness program has provided direct services to a total of 620 victims of crime. The highest percentages were victims of Domestic Violence (44%), Adult Physical Assault (10%), and Child Sexual Assault (20%). They developed a pocket card with Victim and Witness Rights as well as important phone numbers. These cards are given to victims and witnesses by deputies with the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Patrol Deputies are given stacks of these cards and trained to hand them out. The first G.R.E.A.T sixteen-week program that targeted supervised probation clients with gang like behaviors was January 2024, with five participants. The topics taught/discussed are life skills-based, covering topics such as communication, community, goal setting, decision-making, refusal skill, etc. The juveniles are providing excellent feedback and working hard on their community projects.

On October 10, 2003, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office attained its VLEPSC initial accreditation. On October 3, 2023, they received its sixth VLEPSC reaccreditation award will a perfect assessment and will be seeking VLEPSC reaccreditation October 2027. This program not only buildings confidence with their community but with their agency personnel.

The SROs first utilized the "Class Action" program in 1995 to teach youth law related educational classes to prevent and reduce crime in the schools, "Class Action" program to teach youth law related educational classes to prevent and reduce crime in the schools, "Class Action" was later replaced by the "Virginia Rules" program. The class was a step towards helping youth make informed decisions and knowing the difference between right and wrong all while helping to build strong relationships. The SROs are teaching 1,004 9th grade students. The lessons include Student Responsibilities, Technology, and You and Alcohol Tobacco and Marijuana. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has had a strong collaboration with the National Crime Prevention Council for many years. The Sheriff's Office has utilized the McGruff costume as well as literature to educate the public for many years. Most months there was a minimum of at least two events a month. The program allows them to connect with citizens, businesses, faith-based organizations, and schools at events and while teaching.

The York-Poquoson TRIAD was established in 2024, as a joint effort between the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York County, the Attorney General's Office, AARP, and Peninsula Agency on Aging. The program goal is to be proactive to reduce victimization of their aging population and to improve their quality of live. Each year over a hundred senior citizen participate in programs and events hosted by TRIAD.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has participated with the National Night Out over the last twenty years. National Night Out has helped them to secure professional relationships with citizens, businesses, faith-based communities, and their schools. They have at least 5 neighborhoods that participate in National Night Out where they engage with several citizens and businesses.

The Eddie Eagle program has been utilized by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office over twenty years to help eliminate children having access to firearms. The program provides educational materials in the form of videos, Coloring Books, and Classroom Instruction. The materials are for Pre-K through 4th grade. This is promoted at every Community Engagement Event. In 2024, the program was presented at 70 events via literature and during handgun safety classes. Three hundred children received the Eddie Eagle educational materials.

Also, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office participates in Project Child Safe. This program is part of the NRA and provides their office with gun locks that the Sheriff's Office distributes to the public. If the citizens cannot make it into the office to pick up a gun lock, then the Sheriff's Office will deliver the gun lock. In 2024, they distributed approximately 400-gun locks to include 3-gun locks that was delivered. They have partnered with Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter and provided 50-gun locks to their pediatric doctor's office. The gun locks are available in their waiting room for parents to pick up.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office started a digital news source in 2023 called "News from the Sheriff". This is a video segment that runs on a regular basis where Sheriff Montgomery addresses the community about events, dates, special recognitions, things that the community needs to know, upcoming classes, and crime prevention tips. The video segment usually is about 5 minutes long and is aired on social media channels. There are 17 videos and there are 518 subscribers to the YouTube channel.

The School Resource Officer Program was started in 1995. The program started with 4 SROs assigned to High Schools (Tabb High, Grafton High, York High, and Bruton High). In 2018, 2 SROs were assigned to cover the 4 Middle Schools (Tabb Middle, Grafton Midde, Yorktown Middle, and Queens Lake Middle). In 2019, 2 additional SROs were provided as full-time coverage of the middle schools. Today all high schools and middle schools have an assigned fulltime SRO. The elementary schools have a DARE officer/SRO that addresses the needs on proactive basis. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the York County School Division have a memorandum of understanding in place in accordance with 22.1-280.3:3.

The intent of this document is to provide as a summary of the County of York Initial Certification Certified Crime Prevention Community Final Application. The entire County of York Re-Certification Certified Crime Prevention Community Final Application is following this document.

> Tina Sumpter Accreditation Coordinator DCJS



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Core Element I: Develop a local community crime prevention/community council or coalition.

History of Program:

On January 16, 2024, Sheriff R. G. Montgomery formed the York County Crime Prevention Council (YCCPC) to get different organizations within the county engaged in crime prevention activities and share available resources to increase safety throughout the community. The YCCPC currently consists of members from the Sheriff's Office, Board of Supervisors, York County School Division, Juvenile Court Services Unit, York-Poquoson Social Services, York County Economic and Tourism Development, Faith Based Community, Business Community, Citizen's / Community Group, and York-Poquoson Victim Witness Program. The YCCPC currently meets quarterly to share ideas for preventing crime and identifying the needs in York County.

Program Accomplishments:

The York County Crime Prevention Council (YCCPC) was formed on January 16, 2024. Members from the various organizations were contacted and representatives were named. On May 30, 2024 the first meeting of the YCCPC was held in the Community Room of the York County Law Enforcement Center. A mission Statement and Goals for the program were developed by the members. The Certified Crime Prevention Community Program (CCPCP) was explained to members and optional elements were identified by the group. This first meeting was attended by 9 people who represented 7 different organizations.

The second meeting of the York County Crime Prevention Council was held on August 15, 2024. This meeting was attended by 11 people who represented 8 different organizations.

Program Evaluation:

Being a new program it is difficult to evaluate currently, however contact information and resources were shared amongst members. During the second meeting some needs of the community were identified and resources were found to address the needs.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2027):

Goal #1

Identify Crime Prevention needs within York County and evaluate the programs currently in place.

Objectives:

1. Use crime analysis data and council members to identify the groups or areas within York County and the specific needs associated to address them. This review will be done at least quarterly by the council.

- 2. Develop and/or implement at least one program quarterly or more if needed to address these needs in the community during 2025.
- 3. During the fourth quarter of 2025, evaluate data and the programs used for the Certified Crime Prevention Community elements to ensure we are meeting goals and following objectives that have been set.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.

COUNTY OF YORK MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2024

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ronald G. Montgomery, Sheriff of York County and Poquoson

SUBJECT: Certified Crime Prevention Community

Attached for your consideration is Proposed Resolution R24-6 to establish York County as a "Certified Crime Prevention Community." This program is sponsored, and regulated, by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. It is a comprehensive program that "makes Virginia a national leader in community safety by establishing a benchmark that local communities can meet in terms of providing for the safety of their citizens."

The process of becoming a Certified Crime Prevention Community has several core elements that must be met. The first, is a Resolution adopted by the locality's governing body in support of this program. Secondly, a local crime prevention / community safety coalition must be developed and it should include representatives from: York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York County School Division, York-Poquoson Department of Social Services, local business organizations, community groups, a youth services organization and the York County Board of Supervisors.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is already in the process of developing these important relationships and will assume responsibility for the establishment and management of the "York County Crime Prevention Council." Some of the goals of the Council shall consider are as follows: involvement in zoning and/or building site plan reviews, coordination of the Crime Prevention certification effort; to study, to plan and develop procedures to prevent, reduce or control crime and delinquency problems; to establish and promote clear, healthy standards of community behavior; to utilize our crime analysis procedures/programs to identify communities or neighborhoods with significant crime and delinquency problems; and to improve awareness and accessibility of local government services to target at-risk communities, neighborhoods or populations.

As your Sheriff, I look forward to building on the relationships we have already established and to create a comprehensive, community based collaboration in an effort to make York County a safer place to live, work, visit, shop and recreate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF YORK YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the 16th day of January, 2024:

Present	Vote
G. Stephen Roane, Jr., Chairman Sheila S. Noll, Vice Chairman	Yea Yea
Douglas R. Holroyd	Yea
M. Wayne Drewry	Yea
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.	Yea

On motion of Mrs. Noll, which carried 5:0, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF YORK TO BECOME A CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION COMMUNITY THROUGH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for the County of York, Virginia, is interested in the safety and security of its citizenry and the community at large; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is prepared to support appropriate efforts within the community to become totally prepared to promote crime prevention and community safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Criminal Justice Services offers a program which is specifically designed to recognize Virginia communities committed to crime prevention and community safety while providing a framework for those communities to institutionalize crime prevention at the local level; and,

WHEREAS, this program is entitled the Certified Crime Prevention Community Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of January, 2024, the County of York, Virginia, wishes to participate in the Certified Crime Prevention Community Program, and that the leadership of this community fully supports all reasonable efforts to meet the DCJS requirements to become designated as a Certified Crime Prevention Community; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program requires the existence or formation of a local community crime prevention/community safety council or coalition, and this governing body designates the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office as representing our community for the purpose of participating in this program.

A Copy Teste:

Heather L. Schott, MMC Deputy Clerk



STATEMENT OF INTENT

Our community, the County of York, Virginia, wishes to participate in the Certified Crime Prevention Community Certification Program. The leadership of this community fully realizes this program requires dedicated effort. By making entry into this program, we are pledging our honest efforts to become designated as a "Certified Crime Prevention Community".

The program requires the existence of formation of a local community crime prevention/community safety council or coalition. The name of this council/coalition is York County, VA Crime Prevention Council.

We understand that the goal of our community is to successfully complete this program within six - (6) months of the day of the official start date, to be recorded when the program manual is delivered.

Ronald G. Montgomery Designated Official

Title

Date

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2024

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18/2024 Date

Date

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York County, VA Crime Prevention Council

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- 10. Victim / Witness Services
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Core Element II: A DCJS-certified Crime Prevention Specialist assigned to crime prevention duties in the law enforcement agency.

History of Program:

Sheriff J. D. Diggs was elected as the Sheriff of York County and the City of Poquoson in November of 1999. Upon assuming office in January of 2000, Sheriff Diggs began his efforts to make YPSO an accredited agency. In part, the development of a crime prevention program was one of his highest priorities.

Sheriff Diggs created a Deputy Sheriff Crime Prevention Officer position and assigned a full-time law enforcement certified Deputy Sheriff to that position. That deputy quickly attended the appropriate training and became a certified Crime Prevention Specialist. That position has been continually filled by a certified Crime Prevention Specialist. Currently The Sheriff's Office has one full time Crime Prevention Specialist.

Program Accomplishments:

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit has continued to grow since its inception and been a continually active element of the Sheriff's Office. The current Crime Prevention Specialist, Deputy Kevin Taylor, has extensive experience in Crime Prevention. He is a DCJS certified General Instructor, School Resource Officer, Crime Prevention Specialist, Crime Prevention Practitioner and a nationally registered Crime Prevention Officer II.

The YPSO is heavily involved in the following programs: CPTED, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, TRIAD/SALT Council, Security Surveys (Commercial, Faith Based, Residential and Public/Private Schools), Child ID, National Drug Takeback, Project Lifesaver, Angel Sense, and a variety of Sheriff's Office sponsored community educational forums related to crime prevention.

Program Evaluation:

It will be the responsibility of the York County Crime Prevention Council to continually evaluate the efficacy of the program. It must also play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1:

To develop and implement collaborative community safety plans and address emerging community safety issues.

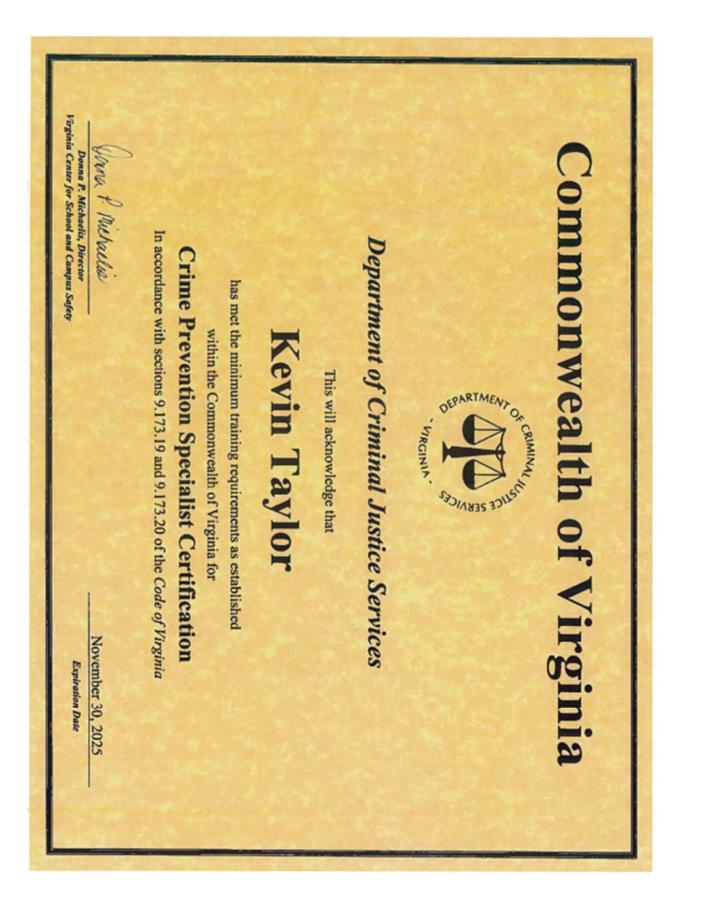
Objectives:

- 1. Recommend a minimum of two new crime prevention programs and initiatives to continue our proactive community engagement for 2025.
- 2. Improve public awareness of available programs and accessibility to the local government by holding 4 YCCPC meetings per year.
- 3. Continue to capitalize and showcase the continued growth of the Crime Prevention / Community Engagement Unit for York County. We will gauge this by the number of venues that host us on a monthly basis to make sure that there is an increase for 2025. We will lean on our YCCPC and Sheriff's Advisory Committee to help gauge the growth as well as our crime prevention and community engagement calendar.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no gaps in services identified.





August 18, 2023 Rick Arrington, deo Lead Instructor Date	Successfully completed the forty-hour training course: Advanced Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) (Certification Required Course)	Certifies that Kevin Taylor	ng and
ugust 18, 2023 Date	urse: sign (CPTED)		Services, LLC

Certificate of Specialty Achievement Sources the presents may com Breetings In reagnition of the demonstrated knowledge through prescribed conserved training, testing and practical application established by The Crime Prevention Center for Training and Services Bebin T. Taplor Is hereby reagnized as having achieved the title Law Enforcement - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Practitioner
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Core Element III: A neighborhood watch program with training and documented support of watches.

History of Program:

The York Poquoson Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program dates back to 2000 when the Crime Prevention Unit was formed. The neighborhood watch program was designed to assist individual neighborhoods with the reduction of crime through outreach and support.

The Crime Prevention Unit encourages neighborhoods to become directly involved in this proactive program to make their neighborhood a safer place and to put criminals on notice. Any request for assistance in forming such a group should initially be referred to a Crime Prevention Specialist who will encourage the efforts by providing information, speakers, training, etc. A Crime Prevention Specialist shall make an introductory presentation to the interested Neighborhood Watch group, help establish the group, and maintain contact with the group once established. In York County there are seven Neighborhood Watch groups and there have been 6 presentations so far for 2024.

Once a Neighborhood/Business Watch has been established, periodic officer follow-ups to help maintain interest and enthusiasm is essential. Periodic contact has been made throughout 2024 to check interest and offer educational opportunities. Liaison duties include periodic contact with organization leadership, sharing of relevant information, coordination of program assistance, and encouraging growth of the area membership. To establish a successful program, the Sheriff's Office recommends a 70% neighborhood involvement. The Sheriff's Office will assist any neighborhood wishing to form a group that has obtained 50% participation.

The Sheriff's Office provides a variety of community relations educational programs to the citizens, business leaders, faith based leaders, and educational settings. These programs are continuing to grow throughout the neighborhoods within York County. The programs are not limited to the following:

Personal Safety Community Safety Neighborhood Watch Home Security Work Place Safety

Program Accomplishments:

Over the last 24 years the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has provided superior education to the citizens within our neighborhoods. So far for 2024 we have provide six presentations to neighborhoods revolving around neighborhood watch. Because of the efforts and collaboration between our agency and the community, there have been more proactive resources readily available to our neighborhood. Neighborhoods that make the proactive investment with neighborhood watch are able to reap the benefits of knowing that their efforts are making a difference for the citizens that live there.

Program Evaluation:

It will be the responsibility of the York County Crime Prevention Council to continually evaluate the efficacy of the program. The Crime Prevention Council is new so an evaluation has not yet been done. It will play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime.

Crime reports run on a regular basis are used to show areas of concern and areas that need to be addressed. Neighborhoods with higher crime for a period of time will trigger a level of increased community policing.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Increase number of neighborhoods watches to 8 that are involved in the program.

Objectives:

- 1. Arrange and meet with community neighborhood leaders by increasing community policing efforts to ensure updated contact list for 2025.
- 2. Use social media at a minimum of once a month to involve more neighborhoods in the neighborhood watch program for 2025.
- 3. Use community events to promote neighborhood watch programs at a minimum of every event for 2025.

Goal #2

Increase the number of vulnerability risk assessments and Look out Lock Out to 15 homes for 2025.

Objectives:

- 1. Use social media at a minimum of once a month to involve more homes for 2025.
- 2. Use community events to promote vulnerability risk assessments and look out lock out at a minimum of every event.
- 3. Utilize York County Crime Prevention Council and Sheriff's Advisory Committee to help promote this imitative for 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH The Greenlands

Deputy Kevin Taylor LE Practitioner Crime Prevention Specialist York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Sheriff R.G. Montgomery

21 - Reportable Calls For Service Last Six Months

Type of Call	Qty	
Arson	1	
Domestic	1	
Larceny	7	
Fraud	4	
Legal	1	
Assist Medic	1	
Psych	1	
Follow Up	1	
Suspicious	1	
Tampering with Auto	2	
Assault	1	

Neighborhood Watch A Joint Responsibility

- Responsibility that must be shared
- Impact of Law Enforcement <u>alone</u> is minimal
- When citizens take positive steps-crimes decrease



Core Element IV: Community policing or a crime control planning process.

History of Program:

The Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition began meeting in August of 2017. York County Community Services Department and the Colonial Behavioral Health spearheaded the initiative to address the increasing death rate of our young adults nationwide due to abuse and overdoes of synthetic opioids and other drugs. In 2015 Virginia saw just over 1,000 deaths due to overdoses that number rose to over 1,500 by 2017 with opioids being the number one cause. Community leaders in law enforcement, emergency medical services, mental health and addiction counseling, local health department and nonprofits organizations were invited to participate on the coalition. From the very beginning the coalition identified education of the community as an important goal. Coalition members decided to meet monthly.

Several initiatives were pursued by the coalition. The group first decided to map Naloxone to target areas for increasing awareness and providing education materials at classes and events. The education provided involved various aspects of opioid abuse, prevention, and types. Education involved using Naloxone, growing trend of Tianeptine (aka: Gas Station Heroin), Drug Abuse Counseling, and where to find community resources to help. The coalition members were also able to obtain drug deactivation kits and provide the kits to community members for use. Education and community awareness was another initiative the coalition pursued by providing educational films and talks at the local libraries on a quarterly basis.

In the fall of 2017 members of the coalition established the formal name of Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition and began designing a logo and branding ideas. It was also decided to expand the coalition by reaching out to local school systems, public safety, YMCA and physicians.

In the spring of 2018, the coalition members began working with the statewide campaign which mirrored PAStop (Pennsylvania campaign). Coalition members began attending more than a dozen community events such as Safe Kids Day, Safe Kids Coalition Saturday, and Children's Festival at the YMCA. Medication training was provided on how to administer Narcan and "National Drug Take Back Days" were publicized.

In September of 2018 coalition members began working to develop a strategic direction for the Coalition. The Coalition completed sessions with Kim Brown from Turnkey (KB and Associates, mission Empowering Communities through Proven Practices and Processes), to determine a strategic direction and plan for moving forward. Members began reaching out to additional professionals to join the Coalition.

In the winter of 2019 members of the Historic Triangle Prevention Coalition decided on a coordinated and collaborative approach to prevention, education and advocacy to decrease the

negative impacts of substance use in the counties of James City and York and the cities of Poquoson and Williamsburg.

Member Agencies as of January 2024

American Addiction Treatment Center Faith Recovery SpiritWorks Foundation Anthem Health Keepers Plus Family Priority Thalia United Methodist Church Avalon Center Farley Center at Williamsburg Place United Way of the Virginia Peninsula Bacon Street Youth & Family Services Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic Virginia Department of Corrections Bon Secour-Mary Immaculate Hospital Hampton-Newport News CSB Virginia Department of Health Center for Child & Family Services James City County Fire Department Virginia Emergency Medical Services **Child Development Resources** James City County Police Department Williamsburg Health Foundation City of Williamsburg City Council James City County Social Services Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools City of Williamsburg Fire Department Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB York County Community Services City of Williamsburg Police Department Peninsula Alcohol Safety Program York County Fire & Life Safety College of William & Mary Pinnacle Virginia York County Juvenile Services **Colonial Behavioral Health** Poquoson Police Department York County Parks & Recreation Colonial Criminal Justice Board **Riverside Health System** York County School Division DJJ - 9th District Court Service Unit Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center York - Poquoson Sheriff's Office

Program Accomplishments:

With meetings being held monthly, The Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition has made it possible to easily share information on drug use and trends to everyone involved in the Historic Triangle area. School Resource Officers from the 3 School Divisions involved routinely meet with the Coalition during their meetings and share information about what is being seen in the schools and current trends on a quarterly basis. The Coalition also helps to advertise and promote the "National Drug Take Back" event held twice a year via social media outlets from the various agencies involved. This event gives citizens a chance to properly dispose of unused or unwanted drugs in a safe manner.

Program Evaluation:

It will be the responsibility of the York County Crime Prevention Council to continually evaluate the efficacy of the program. It must also play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime. This evaluation has not yet been conducted as the Council is newly formed.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Have a coordinated and collaborative approach to prevention, education and advocacy to decrease the negative impacts of substance use in the counties of James City and York and cities of Poquoson and Williamsburg.

Objectives:

- 1. Collaborate with school resource officers to provide education to parent groups on an annual basis starting with the 2025-2026 school year.
- 2. Present drug related education and resource materials in the form of pamphlets at health fairs, Safety Town and Drug Take Back Days (approximately 20 events per year).
- 3. Continue to meet monthly and continue to present educational opportunities quarterly at local libraries in 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.

National Drug Take Back Day - HTDPC Locality Results								
Locality	Oct. 2020	April 2021	Oct. 2021	April 2022	Oct. 2022	April 2023	Oct. 2023	April 2024
James City County	229 lbs.	274 lbs.	Did not participate	100 lbs.	Did not participate	Did not participate	29 lbs.	421 lbs.
City of Paquason	6.5 bags	4.5 bags		2.5 bags 63 lbs.	1.5 bags 58 lbs.	4 bags	2.5 bags	70 lbs.
City of Williamsburg	93 lbs Meds	122 lbs Meds 16 lbs Sharps		33 lbs.	56 lbs Meds 14 lbs Sharps	87.8 lbs Meds 0.5 gal Sharps	135 lbs.	89 lbs Meds 1 gal Sharps
York County	306 lbs.	321 (bs.	236 lbs,	275 lbs.	275 lbs.	158 lbs.	175 lbs.	220 lbs.

October, 2024, York County collected 185 lbs. of drugs during the National Drug Take Back Day



Deputy K. Taylor with our Community Engagement Trailer at a HTDPC Event 2024



Master Deputy A. Katke, School Resource Officer, presenting information to HTDPC



Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition September 26, 2023

On September 25th at Yorktown Library, the Coalition and community members met with representatives of Williamsburg, York, Poquoson, and James City County's School Resource Officer programs to learn about issues that they are facing in the schools and how we might be able to help address those issues. Some of the products highlighted included nicotine vapes, marijuana vapes, and vapes containing synthetic drugs. There was additional discussion about drugs being abused at stu... See more

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Master Deputy A. Katke, Grafton High SRO, Sharing information with the HTDPC on current vaping trends in High School.



Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition September 9. 🕤

The York County Public Library and Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition hosted a Recovery Resource Fair on Saturday, September 7th! Here are some photos of the event of those who helped make this event a success!!

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Recovery Resource Fair September 7, 2024 at Yorktown Library



Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition

YOUR Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition (HTDPC) met this morning at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office new Law Enforcement Building with around 25 attendees. It is critical for all members to keep abreast of the latest issues facing our communities and strategize on interventions that we can employ to fight the drug epidemic we face.

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With synthetic drugs being manipulated at the molecular level to be MORE pleasurable and MORE addictive, it is critical that we prevent their FIRST USE!



Master Deputy A. Katke presented information to the HTDPC on current drug/vape trends being seen in York County Schools.

Core Element V: Organized Distribution of Community Safety Information (literature, videos, social media, and internet resources) to citizens.

History of Program:

Sheriff J. D. Diggs was elected as the Sheriff of York County and the City of Poquoson in November of 1999. Upon assuming office in January of 2000, Sheriff Diggs began his efforts to make YPSO an accredited agency. In part, the development of a crime prevention program was one of his highest priorities.

For more than 20 years the Sheriff's Office has capitalized on every opportunity possible to provide educational resources to the citizens, businesses, faith based communities, and schools. Over the years the ways in which educational resources are distributed have adapted and evolved with the times. The Sheriff's Office uses the Crime Prevention Trailer, Table Top Display, and social media to include; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor, YouTube, and The Sheriff's Office Website.

Program Accomplishments:

Being able to provide publications to the community in many different forms has allowed for us to enhance our proactive policing efforts. There are well over a hundred Crime Tips and other crime prevention information tips shared through our social media outlets for 2024. By using social media to promote upcoming classes and events we are able to increase community safety class sizes to almost 45 citizens in some cases. There are some new and enhanced classes such as Community Safety, Identity Thefts and Scams, and Securing the Faithful presentations. These classes are taught more frequently now with average attendance around 20 citizens.

Program Evaluation:

It will be the responsibility of the York County Crime Prevention Council to continually evaluate the efficacy of the program by gauging the growth of social media followers which for Facebook is currently at forty seven thousand. It must also play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime. The Crime Prevention Council is new and an evaluation has not yet been done.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

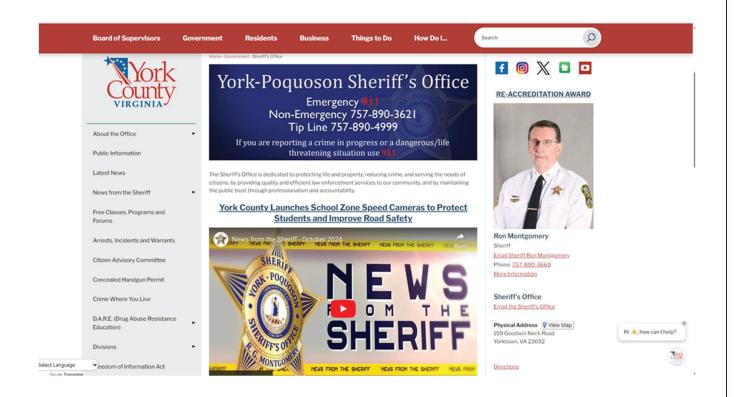
Increase Facebook followers from 47,000 in 2024 to 50,000 followers for 2025.

Objectives:

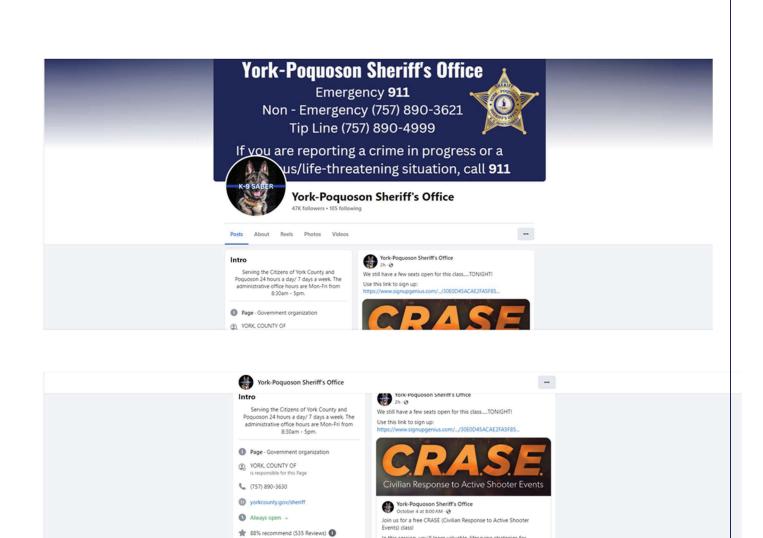
- Making sure that our social media channels are advertised to the population in York County. This is done by our Public Information Officer at a minimum of several times a month.
- 2. Continue the growth of our crime prevention efforts to be able to provide a minimum a one educational publication to at risk populations such as teens and seniors in 2025.
- 3. Advertise the usage of our social media platforms at a minimum of 4 events and classes a month in 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.



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Core Element VI: Designation of a person or committee trained to conduct community security and safety assessments of at-risk neighborhoods and business.

History of Program:

Community security and safety assessments have been the responsibility of the designated Crime Prevention Officer of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office since 2000. Our agency has fulfilled the need for the designation of at least one officer to coordinate and conduct community security and safety assessments for neighborhoods and businesses in York County. Since 2000, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office maintained at least one certified Crime Prevention Specialist with at least 24 hours of CPTED training designated to assume this responsibility including reviewing site plans with the county's planning department. Today, Kevin Taylor, who is our DCJS-certified Crime Prevention Specialist and Law Enforcement Practitioner assumes these responsibilities and has done so since June of 2023. Kevin Taylor also preformed these duties for his previous agency before transitioning to our agency May 2, 2022.

Program Accomplishments:

Since the start of our crime prevention unit in 2000, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has been able to afford our citizens, businesses, faith-based communities, and schools with security and safety assessments. Today's methods of addressing the at risk areas in our county utilizes a very comprehensive and strategic system to find the vulnerability and provide possible solutions. Our comprehensive vulnerability risk assessment process is very much sought after by many in our community. This tells us that citizens are making a proactive investment in their safety and security. In 2024, YPSO conducted 13 Vulnerability Risk Assessments.

Program Evaluation:

It will be the responsibility of the York County Crime Prevention Council to continually evaluate the efficacy of the program, as they are stakeholders in the community from a variety of different groups. They must also play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and help to propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime. The Crime Prevention Council is new and an evaluation has not yet been conducted.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Increase the number of vulnerability risk assessments that were conducted in 2024 from 13 to 20 in 2025.

Objectives:

- 1. Provide education about the benefits of this program and promote it through our social media outlets once every six weeks during 2025.
- 2. When YPSO Crime Prevention speaks with neighborhood leaders and during presentations, continue to offer and recommend vulnerability risk assessments by emphasizing the importance of proactive involvement. This will be done at every community class and event for 2025.
- 3. Provide information about the many benefits of this program to the York County Chamber of Commerce to involve at least 10 more businesses in this program in 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.



Confidential Business Security Survey For



This report prepared on 8/30/23

By

Deputy / Crime Prevention Specialist Kevin Taylor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The definition of crime prevention that is generally accepted across the United States and abroad is, "the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it." A critical means of preventing crime is the security survey.

A security survey is a critical look at a business, facility or home to evaluate the existing security status and potential vulnerabilities. The individual conducting the security survey must have the cooperation of the property user to completely evaluate the premises. After examination of the premises the assessor applies proven techniques and acquired knowledge to recommendations that are known to reduce or remove the opportunity for crime and criminal activity.

Preventing crime is dependant upon the application of the recommendations of the assessor. To delineate from the recommendation or to apply partially the recommendation reduces the potential for success. Nevertheless, even partial implementation of the recommendation should reduce the vulnerabilities of crime to a degree.

The attached security survey and recommendations should not be viewed as being capable of making the facility/business burglar proof, robbery proof, or theft proof. They will, however, reduce the probability of losses occurring if properly applied and maintained.

Crime opportunity prevention, like all management responsibilities, will require constant upgrading and attention to keep abreast of changing operational needs of security.

Many times the implementation of one phase of the recommended actions is linked to, and dependent on, the implementation of other recommendations. Therefore, the enclosed recommendations should not be fragmented, in order to avoid breaching of the security elements recommended.

On behalf of my agency, I want to thank you for demonstrating your interest in improving the safe working conditions of your business and your community.

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION This assessment was conducted at the Office located at Address is Office located, VA. The assessment was conducted on 8/29/2023 during the morning. I took note of really good wayfinding when I arrived at this location. There was signage at the entrance from the main road that identifies the office area. The business park is

Park. I then took note of a large sign that includes a list of the offices within this office park. The was on this sign. I was able to easily make my way to the control of the office. I took note of great ownership in the way of a large sign on the front entrance window that identified the name of the office. I met with control who is the Chief Operating Officer. I was able to interview Mr. Control before the assessment to ask questions pertaining to crime, safety, and security. The office is in a business area that is surrounded by industry and other offices. The office is within a mile from Rt. Control of the office is a business area that is surrounded by industry and other offices. The office is within a mile from Rt.

There are no residential communities nearby. The office shares parking lot space with other offices in the same area as well. Mr. advised me that they are in a relatively safe area. He told me that they have called in to report tampering with auto thefts in the past three years as well as a disturbance in their vestibule. The office is a two story structure. When you enter from the front entrance there is a vestibule area. To the left are stairs that leads to upstairs offices. At the top of the stairs is an unlocked door that leads the rest of the way into the upstairs offices. Straight ahead is a closet door and a locked door that leads to the downstairs offices. To the right is a door that is unlocked and leads to downstairs offices. The office receives clients and staff from other for the and his staff were the Front Entrance, and the Upstairs Access.

Mr. stated that a disgruntled parent showed up at this location some time ago and there was a tussle. Ultimately Law Enforcement was contacted. With that being said this is a reason for such the concern for the front entrance.

<u>After the interview we started our assessment outside and took the</u> <u>following path:</u>

Front Parking Lot "A" Side or Front Entrance <u>There are no cameras that support this office on the outside or interior.</u> <u>The front door also remains unlocked. There is very little lighting on</u> <u>the front side of the building. The only lighting that is there is coming</u> <u>from the parking lot lamp poles. The "B" side had no lighting either.</u> <u>The lighting is important as it will reduce and help to eliminate shadow</u> <u>areas outside thus making it difficult for criminalize activity outside.</u> <u>The "C" and "D" sides both had lighting in various locations. The</u> <u>landscaping on the front side of the building was overgrown. Bushes</u> <u>should be trimmed to 3ft and trees 10ft from the building and trimmed</u> <u>up 6ft to the lowest branch. This reduces shadows, hiding places, and</u> <u>natural climbing facilitators. The rest of the exterior's landscaping</u> <u>looked good.</u>

<u>Photographs were taken of areas of concern and are included in this</u> report with recommendations and possible solutions.

<u>The Office does a great job displaying ownership all around there</u> <u>building.</u> There is a great border definition that told me where I was <u>and kept me on their property.</u>



Signage Entering Office Park. This displays great wayfinding and ownership.

Core Element VII: Crime Analysis Capability

History of the program

Since 2000, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has been conducting crime analysis as a law enforcement function whereby data relating to crime is collected, analyzed, and disseminated. Data pertaining to crime and criminal activities is primarily generated from records and reports with the Sheriff's Office. The utilization of this data assists in the prevention and the suppression of crime and aid in the apprehension of criminal offenders. Since 2013 – 2023, we had a total of 15, 510 arrests made. As of October 31, 2024, the Year-To-Date arrests have been 1,055.

Crime analysis intelligence is shared with sheriff deputies on a regular basis through electronic communications, in person communications, and through social media posts. The Crime Analyst is responsible for creating the annual crime analysis report which is shared with the entire agency, which consists of 130 sworn personnel and 14 civilian personnel. Our community, which has a population of 71, 806 citizens.

Program Accomplishments

The Crime Analysis Unit works with several local, state, and national law enforcement agencies on consistent basis to assist each other. The Virginia Crime Network consists of the following law enforcement agencies. The local law enforcement agencies are: Alexandria Police Department, Arlington Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Bridgewater College Police Department, Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Charlottesville Police Department, Chesapeake Police Department, Chesterfield Police Department, Christopher Newport University Police Department, Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, Danville Police Department, Essex County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Police Department, Farmville Police Department, Franklin City Police Department, Front Royal Police Department, Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Goochland County Sheriff's Office, Hampton Police Department, Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Harrisonburg Police Department, Henrico Police Department, Hopewell Police Department, Isle of Wright County Sheriff's Office, James City County Police Department, Kilmarnock Police Department, Leesburg Police Department, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Lynchburg Police Department, New Kent County Sheriff's Office, Newport News Police Department, Norfolk Airport Police Department, Norfolk Police Department, Norfolk State University Police Department, Old Dominion University Police Department, Petersburg Police Department, Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Poquoson Police Department, Portsmouth Police Department, Powhatan County Sheriff's Office, Prince George Police Department, Prince William Police Department, Richmond Police Department, Roanoke City Police Department, Smithfield Police Department, South Hill Police Department, Southhampton County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk Police Department, Surry County Sheriff's Office, Tappahannock Police

Department, Virginia Beach Police Department, the College of William & Mary Police Department, Williamsburg Police Department, and Windsor Police Department.

The state law enforcement agency is Virginia State Police Department. The national law enforcement agencies are: Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigations (Norfolk and Newport News Offices), Joint Base Langley – Ft. Eustis, USAF OSI Langley, Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS), Norfolk Naval Shipyard Police Department, Pentagon Force Protection Agency, United States Marine Core, USSS.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is also part of the HRCAN (Hampton Roads Crime Analysis Network) team that also consists of several of the law enforcement agencies from the Virginia Crime Network, but with the focus on the Hampton Roads area. The local law enforcement agencies are: Newport News Police Department, Hampton Police Department, Williamsburg Police Department, Suffolk Police Department, Portsmouth Police Department, Isle of Wright County Sheriff's Office, Virginia Beach Police Department, Poquoson Police Department, James City County Police Department, and Chesapeake Police Department.

The Crime Analysis Unit has built positive working relationships with surrounding law enforcement agencies, listed above, to aid in identifying criminal activities that cross jurisdictions boundaries.

The Crime Analysis Unit also works with federal agencies, listed above, to address collective concerns in reference to crime trends, criminal activities, and criminal patterns.

The Crime Analysis Unit is also partners with the nonprofit organization, Crime Line, to assist with solving crimes through anonymous tips from citizens. Since January 1, 2024 – November 1, 2024, there have been 74 tips provided anonymously by citizens. In 2023, there were 80 tips provided by citizens.

The Crime Analysis Unit works closely with the Investigative, Patrol, and Community Services Divisions to provide intelligence for developments of daily operational and tactical plans. As well as community outreach and education.

Program Evaluation

The crime analysis is conducted on a weekly, monthly, and annual basis, and the information is shared with the Sheriff's Office and the community.

- On a daily basis, crime analysis intelligence, from surrounding law enforcement agencies, are shared with sworn sheriff personnel. The Sheriff's Office also shares their crime analysis intelligence with surrounding law enforcement agencies on a regular basis through electronic means of communication.
- On a weekly basis, all our active warrants, weekly arrests, and weekly incident reports are shared with the agency and the community.

- On a weekly basis, crime analysis intelligence relating to criminal activity are shared with sworn sheriff personnel.
- On a weekly basis, the crime analyst formally meets with the Investigations Division to discuss crime trends, patterns, possible modus operandi information and methods utilized by criminals, and share pertinent leads and crime analysis intelligence.
- On a monthly basis, crime analysis intelligence is shared with both the agency personnel and the community through crime prevention.
- A crime analysis report is shared annually with the Sheriff's Office and the community. The annual report provides Incident Based Reporting Statistics, Calls for Service, Traffic Enforcement, and Civil Process Service for the past five (5) years.

Goals and Objectives (2025 – 2027)

Crime analysis is a function of the Administrative Services Division. The crime analyst will develop and analyze data to meet to the needs of the Sheriff, the agency, and the community through community feedback, analysis of crime trends and whether there is an increase or decrease in particular crimes, and outreach and education to citizens.

An example is in 2024, the Sheriff's Office noticed an increase in Burglaries / Breaking & Entering. In the first quarter of the year, there were 14 incidents, and by the second quarter, there were 20 incidents. In order to address the rise in burglaries, we worked with the Patrol Division and Investigative Division to conduct a directive approach which included increasing patrols and encouraging citizens to report suspicious activities through public talks and the saying, "If you see something, say something". By the third quarter, there was a decrease in the incidents from 20 to 18 total incident. The Sheriff's Office is continuing the directive approach for the fourth quarter as of November 13, 2024, there have been 0 burglaries reported.

- 1. Provide early recognition of crime patterns to include, but not limited to, frequency of the crimes, type of crimes, geographic location of crimes, dates and times of the crimes, and any potential modus operandi information used by criminals.
- 2. Provide a breakdown of types of offenses occurring, so that patrol deputies and investigators can take a targeted approach to reducing the identified problem.
- 3. Provide crime-specific information to develop appropriate crime prevention methods and suppression tactics such as increased patrols to include utilization of the Bike Patrol Team and undercover investigators. As well as increasing communications with the community through crime prevention presentations and community outreach programs like Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch.

Analysis of Gaps in Service

There are no gaps in service identified.

CRIME ANALYSIS ANNUAL REPORT (2023) – Released to the public



YORK COUNTY CRIME AND AGENCY STATISTICS

2023

SUMMARY OF IBR STATISTICS (VIRGINIA STATE POLICE CRIME IN VIRGINIA)

CALENDAR YEAR	POPULATION	INCIDENT TOTAL	RATE PER 100,000	ADULT ARRESTS
2019	68,725	2,532	3,684	1,649
2020	69,792	2,367	3,444	1,384
2021	70,319	1,843	2,640	892
2022	70,319	2,108	2,997	895
2023	71,806	2,574	3,584	1,171

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALENDAR YEAR	CALLS FOR
	SERVICE
2019	78,910
2020	95,177
2021	97,752
2022	85,244
2023	76,566

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

CALENDAR YEAR	SUMMONS TOTAL
2019	5,128
2020	2,468
2021	2,788
2022	1,897
2023	3,420

CIVIL PROCESS SERVICE

CALENDAR YEAR	PAPERS SERVED
2019	20,257
2020	16,411
2021	14,330
2022	18,612
2023	18,162

YORK COUNTY CRIME IN VIRGINIA ANALYSIS REPORT (2023) -Released to the public

2023 Population Estimate		71,806		Offenses (*)	Arrests	5 (**)
		12,000	Group A Offenses	Reported	Adult	Juvenile
aw Enforcement Employees			Crimes Against Persons			
Sworn Male		102	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	5	
Sworn Female		16	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	
			Kidnapping/Abduction	26	4	
Civilian Male		7	Forcible Rape	14	1	
Civilian Female		9	Forcible Sodomy	2	1	
Total:		134	Sexual Assault With An Object	2	0	
			Forcible Fondling	29	1	
Offense Overview			Incest	0	0	
Incident Total		2,574	Statutory Rape	0	0	
Offense Total		2,918	Aggravated Assault	94	38	
Group A Crimes per 100,000		3,584.7	Simple Assault	543	208	
population		5,50 117	Intimidation	136	18	
			Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	
Arrest Overview			Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	
			Crimes Against Property			
Total Arrests		1,171	Arson	5	0	
Adult Arrests		953	Bribery	0	0	
Juvenile Arrests		218	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	61	23	
Unknown Age		0	Counterfeiting/Forgery	32	5	
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			False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	244	14	
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(*) Offenses are counted using the FBI Units of Count for Crime

(**) The 'Arrests' column shows arrests made for incidents during the selected period, regardless of arrest date. Arrest counts for the same period may change over time.

Prostitution

Animal Cruelty

This report is valid as of July 28, 2024 and is subject to change

Assisting or Promoting Prostitution

Purchasing Prostitution

Weapon Law Violations

Total Group A Offenses

0

0

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6

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169

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662

CRIME ANALYSIS ARRESTS & INCIDENTS YTD (2024) – Not released to the public

Arrests & Types of Incidents

(January 1, 2024-September 30, 2024)

Arrest Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Crimes Against Person	23	31	30	30	46	34	26	40	25
Murder and Nonnegligent Man-									
slaughter									
Negligent Manslaughter									
Kidnapping/Abduction									
All Rape			1		1				
Forcible Fondling						2	1	1	1
Incest									
Statutory Rape									
Aggravated Assault	2	5	5	4	7	5	3	9	4
Simple Assault	18	25	23	22	36	23	16	27	15
Intimidation	3	1	1	4	2	4	6	3	5

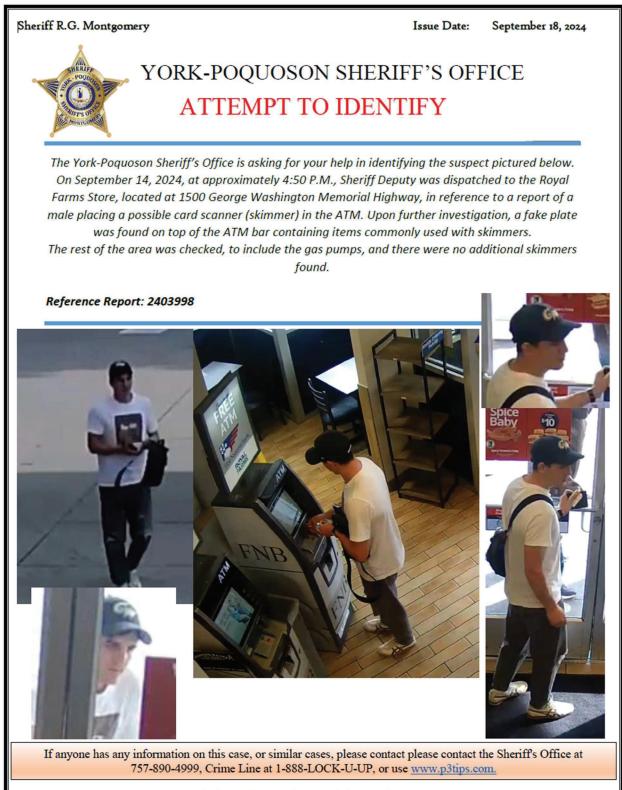
Arrest Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Crimes Against Property	26	36	33	26	46	36	58	41	26
Arson							1		
Bribery						1			
Burglary/Breaking & Enter- ing		2	1	2	7	5	4	1	2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1							1	
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property		3	1	2	2	3	4	3	1
Embezzlement		1	2		1	1	3	1	1
Extortion/Blackmail						1			
False Pretenses/Swindle/ Confidence Game		1	2		4		4	1	2
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud					1			4	
Impersonation	1		2				1	1	
Identity Theft							1	1	
Robbery	5		1				2	1	
Shoplifting	16	22	22	20	27	18	33	22	15
Theft From Building		3		1				1	
Theft From Motor Vehicle		1						1	
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories			1						
All Other Larceny	2	3	1	1	4	5	5	2	4
Motor Vehicle Theft									1
Stolen Property Offenses	1					2		1	

Arrests & Types of Incidents (January 1, 2024—September 30, 2024)

Arrest Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Crimes Against Society	13	6	6	12	9	10	6	11	8
Drug/Narcotic Violations	7	5	6	10	7	6	5	7	5
Drug Equipment Violations				1			1		
Betting/Wagering									
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling									
Gambling Equipment Violations									
Sports Tampering									
Pornography/Obscene Material						1			
Prostitution									
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution									
Purchasing Prostitution									
Weapon Law Violations	6	1		1	2	3		4	3
Animal Cruelty									

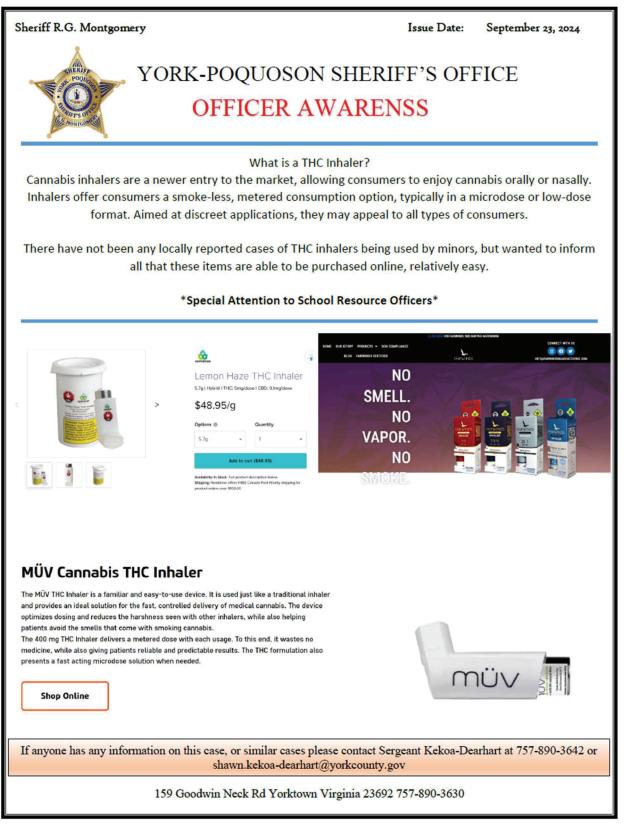
Arrest Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Group B Offenses	24	42	35	34	35	31	31	45	27
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Vio- lations									
Disorderly Conduct					1	1		2	
Driving Under the Influence	5	15	20	14	15	9	10	17	8
Driving Under the Influence - Marijuana									
Family Offenses (Nonviolent)	3	1	2			1		2	
Liquor Law Violations							3		1
Trespass of Real Property		3	3	5	2	4	2	5	5
Other Offenses	16	23	10	15	17	16	16	19	13

CRIME ANALYSIS INTELLIGENCE SHARING – Shared with LE agencies & public



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CRIME ANALYSIS INTELLIGENCE SHARING – OFFICER AWARENESS



Core Element VIII: A comprehensive school safety audit process conducted by trained members of a local school safety team.

History of Program:

In 1995 the York - Poquoson Sheriff's Office began the School Resource Officer Program. This program was started to ensure that our schools are a "safe haven" where children can get an education in a safe place. SRO's are part of the school safety team and responsible for conducting school safety audits. This annual audit process was developed in 1997 in response to the Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.8, which is the standard audit protocol for the state. This audit is a site-based activity coordinated with the school principal.

The York County School Division consists of 19 schools which are broken down as, 10 Elementary Schools, 4 Middle Schools, and 5 High Schools. Safety Audits are completed in all 19 schools by SRO's annually. SRO's also are part of their school safety team and participate in safety drills. During the 2023-2024 school year, the SRO's participated in 98 Fire Drills and 76 Lockdown Drills. The SRO supervisor is also a member of the school division safety team that meets quarterly to address any safety concerns and look at current trends in the schools. This safety team consists of principals, maintenance, school security, student services, Chief Operations Officer, and Sheriff's Office.

Emergency Management Plans are reviewed at a minimum, annually in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. The Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and School Division also conduct comprehensive drills to test the plans. Most recently in the summer of 2023, a drill was held to test the reunification process of students and parents that would follow a critical incident in a school building that required evacuation.

Safety Audits of all York County Schools were most recently completed and submitted to DCJS in June of 2024.

Program Accomplishments:

The collaborative efforts between the York–Poquoson Sheriff's Office, the York County School Division, and York County Fire & Life Safety represent a strong model of community partnership and commitment to safety. Over the past 12 years, this program has demonstrated success in creating a secure environment for students, garnering recognition from state leaders, including a visit from the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Public Safety in 2019. Such recognition highlights the program's innovative safety measures and effective collaboration, making York County schools a benchmark for educational safety statewide.

Program Evaluation:

Our School Safety Program is monitored daily by both the school division and sheriff's office. Through daily communication and working closely together on problems that arise we are constantly evaluating what we have in place for school safety.

In the 1st quarter of the 2024-2025 school year, York County like many other school divisions across the country saw an immediate problem with threats of school violence. Meetings were held between the School Division and Sheriff's office and a plan of action was developed. This plan of action included educating the public on what a threat is, the seriousness of the issue, and how these are handled. A Community Safety Forum was conducted on September 25th to speak to the community about this issue and educate them on the topic. The safety forum was attended by over a 100 people to include local media outlets. The forum was recorded and made available on both School Division and Sheriff's Office social media platforms.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Reduce the number of Threats of Violence made towards York County Schools.

Objectives:

- 1. Continue to monitor the occurrence of threats to the school system on a daily basis and more formally during the quarterly safety meetings.
- Partner with Department of Juvenile Justice to deliver education in the secondary schools on the consequences of making threats during the 2nd semester of the school year to the 9th and 10th graders. This education will consist of lecture and a PowerPoint presentation delivered by the DJJ and SRO.
- 3. Work with school counselors and school mental health professionals to identify ages and grade levels for additional education on threats.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.

We thank you for your time spent taking this survey. Your response has been recorded.

Below is a summary of your responses

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This survey requires a password.

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Q1.1.

2024 Virginia School Division Survey

This is a secure, web-based survey conducted by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS). Submission of this survey partially fulfills the Virginia School Safety Audit requirement. (Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.8).

While answering the following survey questions, please base your responses on the conditions in your division during the 2023-2024 school year, unless otherwise instructed. You are required to provide a response to each survey question in order to complete the survey. Throughout the survey, some questions reference the *Code of Virginia* requirements. Click on the citation to review the *Code* language before responding to the related survey question.

Should you have any questions or experience technical problems with the survey, contact the VCSCS team: Nikki Wilcox at 804-786-3923 or <u>nikki.wilcox@dcjs.virginia.gov</u>, Dannie Anderson at 804-786-5763 or <u>dannie.anderson@dcjs.virginia.gov</u>, and James Christian at 804-357-0967 or james.christian@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Questions contained in this survey may elicit responses that are exempt from public release pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3705.2 and § 22.1-279.8. Each public body is responsible for exercising its discretion in determining whether such exemptions will be invoked.

divisions and will not share individual school responses unless otherwise required by state law.

Q2.1.

Please answer the following questions about your division as accurately as possible.

I. DIVISION IDENTIFICATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Q2.2. Division

Division	York County Public Schools	•
Region	2 🔻	

Q3.1. If we have any questions about your survey responses, we would like to be able to contact you. Please provide us with your contact information:

First Name	Kyle
Last Name	Hahn
Title	Supervisor of Safety and Emergency Management
Email	khahn@ycsd.york.va.us
Phone Number	757-897-7557

Q3.2. What is your primary role in the division?

0	Superintendent (current or acting)	0	Director/Coordinator of Innovation and Technology Integration
0	Assistant Superintendent	0	Director/Coordinator of Operations
0	Deputy Superintendent	0	Director/Coordinator of Research, Testing, & Evaluation
0	Chief Operations Officer	•	Director/Coordinator of School Safety
0	Director/Coordinator of Administrative Services	0	Director/Coordinator of Special Services

0	Director/Coordinator of Auxiliary Services	0	Director/Coordinator of Student Services
0	Director/Coordinator of Compliance	0	Director/Coordinator of Transportation
0	Director/Coordinator of Facilities Maintenance	0	Emergency Manager
0	Director/Coordinator of Finance	0	Executive Director
0	Director/Coordinator of Human Resources	0	Other (describe)

Q3.3.

Please provide contact information for your current/acting superintendent.

First Name	Victor
Last Name	Shandor
Email	vshandor@ycsd.york.va.us
Phone	757-898-0300

Q4.1.

II. SAFETY-RELATED PERSONNEL AND PARTNERSHIPS

Q4.2. Code of Virginia § 22.1-279.8 paragraph D requires that each school division designate an emergency manager.

Q4.3.

Please provide contact information for the person designated as the division's **Emergency Manager.**

First Name	Joespeh	
Last Name	Schroeder	

Annual School Safety Audit Review

Name of	School:	Bethel	Manor	Elementary	School
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Date: November 26, 2023

Annual Safety Audit Requirements

Completed	Reviewed	Task
	×	Crisis Management Plan
		School Safety Inspection Checklist (due every 3 years)
æ	æ	School Safety Survey
	æ	Virginia School Survey of Climate and Working Conditions

Physical Vulnerability Assessment*:

Concerns: Using the crisis management plan, safety inspection checklist, school safety survey, and any other resource, identify any physical safety concerns such as school building security vulnerabilities.

The front exterior lighting needs to be fixed. There are two light poles, but neither work. Staff leave school in the

dark during Daylight Savings time.

BMES needs a crossing guard due to the large number of students who walk to and from school. It is unsafe for

students to cross the street without proper supervision.

BMES interior courtyard needs frequent maintenance (trimming branches, cutting the grass, etc.). Animals frequent this area due to overgrown trees and shrubs. Staff would like to continue to use this area for outside learning.

Solutions: Describe solutions to the physical safety concerns identified in the above section, including recommendations for structural adjustments, changes in school safety procedures, and suggested revisions to the school board's standards for student conduct.

Concern	Recommendation		
Lightning	Replace burned out bulbs in the currently existing light poles		
Crossing Guard	Hire or Stipend a Crossing Guard Position		
Overgrown Shrubs, Grass	Schedule more frequent mowing & maintenance to ensure the area is safe for student use (in all areas)		

* subject to withholding or limited release pursuant to VA Code §2.2-3705.2 (7)

York County School Division



Reunification Manual

(Confidential: For official school and government agency use only) <u>Confidential</u>: This manual is for official York County School Division, York Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York County Fire Life & Safety, and official Government Agencies use only.

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- 1. Incident Command initiation Guidelines
- 2. Incident Action Plan (IAP)
- 3. Safe Haven Contacts and Building Access Information
- 4. Safe Haven Reunification Steps and Flow Chart
- 5. YCSD Crisis Incident Roles, Responsibilities & Steps
- 6. Reunification Team Member Assignments & Backups
- 7. Reunification Team Member Job Descriptions
- 8. Safe Haven Maps
- 9. Staging the School for Transport
- 10. Staging the Reunification Site
- 11. The Process in Six Easy Steps
- 12. Student/Parent Reunification Handout (PDF)
- 13. Victim Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART)
- 14. Accident Report
- 15. Flow Charts (Incident Command Safe Haven, SBO, Impacted Site)
- 16. Job Action Sheets
- Propio Interpreter Phone Number, Access Code, Posters (front pocket of notebook)
- SBO Script Alert System Notification of Reunification Deployment (front pocket of notebook)



School Safety - A Shared Responsibility Educational Forum

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Core Element IX: A business outreach program with training and documented support of watches.

History of Program:

Much like a neighborhood watch program, the business outreach program has provided businesses within York County with much need resources on crime prevention since 2000. The Crime Prevention unit has delivered formal classes to businesses in person at many different venues on workplace safety and workplace violence. These classes have been an instrumental part of our Crime Prevention unit at educating business leaders about crime prevention.

YPSO nighttime patrol shift units are encouraged to conduct Patrol Checks of businesses in the county during the overnight hours when most of them are closed. To date this year, 2024, there have been 18,934 patrol checks completed. Deputies routinely walk around businesses checking doors and windows to ensure that they are secure. YPSO also continually updates key holder information on file with our dispatch center so we can contact a representative of the business when we observe a problem. Observations are routinely passed along to Crime Prevention so the issues can be discussed with the business owner. There have been 15-20 observations passed along to Crime Prevention this year.

In the past York County has been unsuccessful in starting a business watch program due to a lack of interest as business leaders don't see the importance as they feel it won't happen to them. In the last year our Business Outreach program has strengthened relationships with our business community through the use of our Community Outreach Program. With the launch of the Sheriff's Business Academy in early 2025 a Business Watch Program will also be started. The Sheriff's Business Academy will start accepting applications by mid-December 2025.

Program Accomplishments:

York County has a great number of area businesses that support our approach at educating them on crime prevention principals. Our county has far less business related crime due to the investment and collaboration of both the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the business community. This involves the high number of patrol checks as well as the community safety education that is afforded to them.

Program Evaluation:

Evaluation is a collaboration between the Sheriff's Office, YCCPC, and the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee. It involves assessing the effectiveness and impact of a program designed to foster positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and local businesses. Such programs aim to enhance community safety, improve trust between law enforcement and the business community, and address issues such as crime prevention, security concerns, and general collaboration. As a result area businesses use simple strategies to eliminate the "broken window theory" as well as enhance safety and security.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Start a successful Business Watch Program for 2025.

Objectives:

- Develop a Sheriff's Business Academy in 2025 to provide York County business leaders with multiple avenues for proactive investing in safety and security. Use this new program as a way to promote and start the Business Watch. The limit for participants in the academy is 40 representatives.
- 2. Continue to work with York County businesses by providing exceptional educational opportunities in the way of crime prevention. These include but are not limited to workplace violence, robbery prevention, white collar crimes, and real estate safety.
- 3. Identify hot spots in our business community through the use of our Crime Analyst data for 2025. This data can be used to recruit Business's for a successful Watch Program and also to deliver education on Crime Prevention. In this ongoing effort to add York County Businesses we will look at the crime analyst to prioritize high risk businesses.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

There are no Gaps in services identified.



HOW CAN I APPLY?

at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office or on the web at: Registrations can be obtained in person

Office www.yorkcounty.gov/359/Sheriffs-

the Sheriff's Business Academy, the If you have any questions concerning at (757)890-3639 Crime Prevention Unit can be reached



CONTACT INFORMATION

WHO CAN REGISTER?

to contact the York-Poquoson Sheriff's If you have questions.....please feel free Office Crime Prevention Unit at:

Deputy Kevin Taylor

Kevin.Taylor@yorkcounty.gov Email Crime Prevention Unit at: (757)890-3639

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CRIME PREVENTION UNIT YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF'S BUSINESS ACADEMY



SUPERVISORS IN YORK COUNTY AND AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS OWNERS AND THE CITY OF POQUOSON

R. G. MONTGOMERY, SHERIFF

WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S BUSINESS ACADEMY?

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Business Academy is a FREE program designed to give businesses of York County and the City of Poquoson a better understanding of the crime prevention resources available to them.

This 7 week course of instruction is geared towards business owners, managers, fait-based organizations, and anyone who has an invested interest in the day to day operating safety and security of their business.



The curriculum covers diverse business related topics such as Introduction to the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Techniques, Chamber of Commerce, Commonwealth of Attorney, White Collar Crimes, Workplace Violence, Robbery Prevention, and Business Watch Program. Emphasis will be placed on the Crime Prevention in the workplace as well as connecting businesses with resources.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE SHERIFF'S BUSINESS ACADEMY?

The goal of the Sheriff's Business Academy is to enhance a collaborative working relationship with the businesses and faith-based communities in York County and the City of Poquoson through an educational process that focuses on business-related material, law enforcement and the criminal Justice system.

HOW LONG DOES THE ACADEMY LAST?

The 7 week academy will meet on Tuesday evenings for 2 hours from 7pm to 9pm, with the exception of the Workplace Violence Class, that will be 2.5 hours.

There is no charge for the academy; however, a substantial commitment for participants to attend at least 5 of the 7 scheduled sessions in order to successfully complete and receive a Certificate of Graduation.

All classes will take place at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office 159 Goodwin Neck Rd, Yorktown VA 23692. Classes will take in the Community Room unless otherwise posted the day of the academy.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SHERIFF'S BUSINESS ACADEMY?

The Sheriff's Business Academy aims to please with this highly sought after curriculum. Graduates of the academy are encouraged to use good judgement in both their professional and personal lives.

Graduates are discouraged from taking volatile matters into their own hands unless they are left having to defend themselves. The Sheriff's Business Academy would like for graduates to leave positive feedback on the program to the Crime Prevention Unit. We also ask that graduates share their experiences with friends and family who may benefit from this prevention effort as well.

We encourage graduates of the Sheriff Business Academy to take our Sheriff's Citizen Academy which is offered twice a year. This program encompasses safety strategies for your personal lives.





Professional's Response to Active Aggressors

Presented by Deputy Kevin Taylor Crime Prevention Specialist Law Enforcement Practitioner NCPS II York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office



$\label{eq:core_state} \textbf{Core Element } X \textbf{: Victim} - \textbf{Witness Program}$

History of Program:

The Virginia General Assembly passed a law in 1995 called the "Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act". The purpose of this legislation was to ensure that victims and witnesses of crime:

- Are informed of their rights
- Are treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity and that their privacy is protected where the law allows
- Have opportunities to make the courts aware of the full impact of the crime
- Have the opportunity to be heard at critical stages of the criminal justice process
- Receive authorized services

The York – Poquoson Victim – Witness Program was established in 1986 and is partially funded by a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The program office is located in the York – Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Currently the program employs 4 fulltime people.

The role of the Victim – Witness program is to help understand your rights and know where to go for services. Some of the services we provide are:

- Counseling/support group referrals
- Explaining what to expect in court
- Assistance with food and shelter
- Accompanying you to court hearings
- Keeping you updated about your case
- Assistance with medical bills and other out-of-pocket losses
- Protection

Program Accomplishments:

During 2023 and 2024 the York – Poquoson Victim – Witness program has provided direct services to a total of 620 victims of crime. The highest percentages were victims of Domestic Violence (44%), Adult Physical Assault (10%), and Child Sexual Assault (20%). The Victim – Witness program developed a pocket card with Victim and Witnesses Rights as well as important phone numbers. These cards are given to victims and witnesses by deputies with the York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Patrol Deputies are given stacks of these cards and trained to hand them out when appropriate.

Program Evaluation:

The York – Poquoson Victim – Witness Program is evaluated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Quarterly reports must be submitted to ensure the program is in compliance with current standards. On site visits are also performed occasionally by the Grant Administrator and the Department of Criminal Justice Services to audit compliance.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

To provide a better presence in the community and ensure that more citizens are aware of the program and the services that we provide during 2025 and 2026.

Objectives:

- 1. A new employee was recently hired as a program assistant to assist advocates but primarily will be responsible outreach efforts and community engagement.
- Social media page (Facebook) and website will be restructured in 2025 to be more informative and user friendly. Staff will also create content on newer popular social media platforms (Instagram and TicTok) that is more modern and will appeal to a wider audience, at least one post per week.
- 3. Program advocates will attend at least 6 community engagement events and activities to get the information out to the public in 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

CRIME VICTIM AND WITNESS RIGHTS

As a victim or witness of crime, you have certain rights under Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act and other victims' rights statutes. A summary of those rights are listed below.

AS THE VICTIM OF CRIME, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO:

Information about: Protection

- Financial assistance and social services, including the Virginia
- Victims Fund (crime victims' compensation)
 Address and telephone number confidentiality (if eligible)
- Closed preliminary hearing or use of closed-circuit television if you
- were the victim of a sexual offense
- Separate waiting area during court proceedings The right to remain in the courtroom during a criminal trial or
- proceeding Assistance with:
- Obtaining protection
- Obtaining property held by law enforcement agencies ٠
- Intercession services with your employer .
- Obtaining advanced notice of court proceedings .
- Receiving the services of an interpreter ٠
- Preparing a Victim Impact Statement •
- Seeking restitution • Notification of:
- Changes in court dates Changes in the status of the defendant, if he/she is being held in a • iail or a correctional facility
- The opportunity to prepare a written victim impact statement prior to the sentencing of a defendant
- The filing and disposition of any appeal/habeas corpus proceedings involving the defendant

More information about these rights can be obtained by contacting the York/Poquoson Victim Witness Program at (757) 890-3402, or visiting their website at www.yorkcounty.gov/vw.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

York/Poquoson Victim Witness Program (757) 890-3402

York/Poquoson Sheriff's Office (757) 890-3630

Poquoson Police Department (757) 868-3501

York County Magistrate (757) 820-3905

> **Court Service Unit** (757) 890-3480

York/Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney (757) 890-3401



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TIPS ON TESTIFYING

 Be Prepared. Try to recall what happened and picture the scene and the objects there. Write down details and feel free to bring your notes to trial, but answer questions in your own words.

- Speak Clearly And Loudly. If you did not hear the question, ask the attorney to repeat it.
- Answer Only The Question Asked Of You. Do not volunteer information and remember to stop immediately if the judge interrupts or an attorney objects to a question.
- 4. Do Not Guess Or Speculate. If you do not know the answer, say so. If you give an estimate of time or distance, be sure everyone knows you are estimating. If you do not understand a question, ask the attorney to explain it to you.
- Tell The Truth. Do not try to figure out if your answer will hurt or help the case. Just answer truthfully, to the best of your memory.
- Be Courteous. Try to remain calm and do not lose your temper. Being polite makes a good impression.
- 7. Dress Well. The way you dress and present yourself is a direct reflection on you. In addition, please be advised that you will not be allowed in the courtroom in shorts, flip flops, haltertops or with exposed midriff or undergarments.
- 8. Be Prepared To Wait. Occasionally a witness may be requested to remain nearby for a period of time. You may want to prepare for this by bringing a book to read or some handiwork to help you pass the time.

Call the Victim-Witness Program at (757) 890-3402 in the event that you:

- may not be needed in court, because the case has been continued to another day. Call the evening before you are to come to court, for a recorded message of the court schedule.
- change your address or telephone number.
- have questions about your role as a witness.
- would like more detailed information of the court process
- need someone to ask your employer to allow you to appeal
- as a witness.
 want to recover your personal property which is being held as evidence.
- want assistance in preparing your Victim Impact Statement.
 need a referral to the appropriate community service agency which can provide you emergency financial, medical, or
- psychological assistance as a crime victim.
 are not receiving restitution payments that were ordered by the Court.
- would like information on the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund, if you are a victim of violent crime.

Victim-Witness Assistance Program www.yorkcounty.gov/vw (757) 890-3402

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Our criminal justice system has historically focused upon affording the accused a fair and impartial trial. As a witness or victim of a crime, you may be experiencing feelings of confusion, fear or anger about the crime, its aftermath, or what is being done about it in court. You can be certain that as Commonwealth's Attorney for the County of York and City of Poquoson, I am deeply concerned that you obtain justice and are treated with respect and sensitivity. With increased public attention given to the plight of crime victims and witnesses in recent times, and encourages you to utilize the services of the Victimwitness Program. Through it we hope to relieve your contusion, fear and anger, and to minimize the disruption of your daily life which has been caused by this crime.

This brochure has been prepared to provide you information on our court system and to give you an understanding of the various steps in the criminal case in which you are involved. Further, information is provided on remedies and other community support available to you as a victim or witness of a crime.

We cannot successfully prosecute crime without your cooperation and support. We appreciate your giving us that aid, and we will do all we can to help you in return. Should you have other questions or need further information, please call the Victim-Witness Program at (757) 890-3402.

Benjamin M. Hahn Commonwealth's Attorney



YOUR ROLE IN THE COURT PROCESS

As a crime victim or witness you will be receiving a **subpoena**. This is a court document requiring you to be present in court at the time and place stated. Your first personal contact may be for **pre-trial preparation**, when the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office calls to discuss the fatcs of the case with you. When you come to court for trial, you will be sworn in. The defendant may ask the judge to have the witnesses remain outside the courtroom until they are called on to testify. Bring a book to read to pass the time. When on the stand, you will be questioned first by the prosecuting attorney and then by the defense attorney.

FELONY CASES

A felony is a major crime that is punishable by a minimum of one year in prison. In a felony case, there are two court dates on which you may be summoned to testify. The first will be the preliminary hearing, in General District Court or Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and the second will be trial in the Circuit Court. You will receive a subpoena for the dates you are needed to testify. The guilt or innocence of the defendant will be decided either by the judge or by a jury at trial.

MISDEMEANOR CASES

A misdemeanor is a less serious crime that is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a maximum of twelve months, a fine of not more than **\$2,500.00**, or both. In misdemeanors there is one court date, unless the case is later appealed to Circuit Court. As a crime victim or witness you will receive a subpoena to appear in General District Court or the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to testify. The judge then makes the final decision and sentences the defendant, if found guilty.

JUVENILE AND FAMILY CASES

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court handles criminal and traffic violations by persons under 18 years of age and any crime committed within the immediate family.

CONTINUANCES

Sometimes trials cannot take place as scheduled. We will make every effort to notify you in advance, but may not be successful. By calling (757) 890-3402 the day or the evening before the hearing, you can confirm whether you have to appear.

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OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

PLEA AGREEMENTS In felony cases, if the defendant pleads guilty, you will not have to testify. The prosecutor may agree to modify the charges or recommend that a defendant receive a certain sentence in return for a plea of guilty. If you are the victim of the crime, the prosecutor handling your case will try to contact you before a plea agreement is formalized. If you do not understand the agreement, or have questions about it, ask the attorney for a full explanation.

RESTITUTION In cases where the victim has suffered financial loss, the Court may order the defendant to pay restitution.

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS In telony cases, if the detendant is found guilty, the judge may sentence after a pre-sentence investigation is completed. This will occur on a date after trial. If you are the victim of the crime, you may be asked to describe, in writing, what impact this crime has had on your life. The judge will review this before he sentences the defendant.

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND victims of violent crime (i.e. rape, maiming, murder), or their survivors, may be eligible for financial compensation to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses, psychological counseling, lost wages, or funeral expenses. Expenses covered by insurance and damage or loss of personal property are not covered. If you think you are eligible, contact the Victim-Witness Program (757) 890-3402 to get an application within 180 days of when the crime occurred.

THREATS/INTIMIDATION Threatening a witness is a crime in Virginia. If you receive a threat from the defendant or anyone else, contact your local police immediately and then call the Victim-Witness Program at (757) 890-3402.

DROPPING CHARGES Once you have filed charges you can not drop them. Only the Court can do that, and only upon the recommendation of the Commonwealth's Attorney. Such recommendations are made only after full consideration of the evidence, the type of crime, past record of the accused and payment of court costs, which may be substantial. For more information call the Victim-Witness Program at (757) 890-3402.

AFTER HOURS DOCKET INFORMATION After 5:00 PM, call (757) 890-3402 A tape recorded message will list the court cases for which witnesses have been excused for the next day. Core Element XI: A delinquency prevention program targeting at-risk youth.

History of Program:

The 9th District, Court Services Unit (In collaboration with the Department of Juvenile Justice) began G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) classes in January 2024 with 5 participants. This is a sixteen week program that targets supervised probation clients with gang like behaviors. We are not making referrals into the program for active gang members; the driving referral force is the offense/behavior. We also do not accept sex offenders.

The topics taught/discussed are life skills-based, covering topics such as communication, community, goal-setting, decision-making, refusal skills, etc. Each juvenile attends weekly classes in addition to weekly Casey Life Skills groups. They also meet individually with their mentor for several hours each week and are required to complete a Community Project. The project requires the participants to go into their community's and make it better place.

During the first class in January 2024, participants created a book give away, provided company to the elderly and handed out clothing donations to families in need. Currently, we have a participant who plans to fix up a car and donate it to someone in need. Three of the Juveniles successfully completed the first program.

The current G.R.E.A.T. class (Cohort 2) is being held every Monday evening at YPSO and also currently has 5 participants. The juveniles are providing excellent feedback and working hard on their community projects.

Program Accomplishments:

The GREAT program began in January 2024 and does not yet have local statistics for accomplishments.

Program Evaluation:

The program evaluation includes comprehensive surveys of teachers and school administrators to measure their responses to the Program. Surveys of school personnel found that:

- 91 percent of teachers and administrators support having law enforcement in schools.
- 94 percent of administrators and 87 percent of teachers are in favor of having G.R.E.A.T. in their schools.
- 100 percent of administrators and 83 percent of teachers say that G.R.E.A.T. addresses problems facing their students.
- 88 percent of administrators and 80 percent of teachers agree that G.R.E.A.T. teaches students the skills needed to avoid gangs and violence.

The instructing officers also expressed strong support for the Program, stating that it improved their relationships with the children, the school, and the community as a whole.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2027):

Goal #1

To prevent recidivism and assist them in making responsible choices. DJJ is in the process of compiling the statistics for recidivism as this is a fairly new program.

Objectives:

- 1. Continue to assist at risk youth by helping them build life skills. The program is 16 weeks and designed for a maximum of 8 at a time.
- 2. Identify any substance abuse issues and provide access to treatment and education if necessary. Students are on supervised probation and any other identified issues are handled through their probation officer.
- 3. Strengthening family ties can also help provide emotional stability and reduce the likelihood of reoffending. Family therapy and support groups can help family members better understand and assist the individual in their transition. Anything beyond the GREAT syllabus is handled through their probation officer which would include family therapy and support. As part of the program, they are receiving individual mentoring and Casey Life Skills which also includes weekly groups.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:





Core Element XII: VLEPSC Accreditation

History of Program:

In January of 2000 when newly elected Sheriff, J. D. "Danny" Diggs took office, one of his goals was to become an accredited agency. This work began shortly thereafter to become accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office attained its first accreditation on October 10, 2003. On October 03, 2023, The York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office received its sixth Reaccreditation Award. YPSO received a perfect score on this most recent reaccreditation. YPSO's next reaccreditation cycle will be October of 2027.

VLEPSC Accreditation ensures that the York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office is being held to highest standards of professionalism and helps maintain confidence within the community that we serve.

Program Accomplishments:

Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves. This Accreditation Program helps to build confidence and relationships with the citizens of York County. This program not only builds confidence with the public but also with the personnel within the agency. The agency must operate within specific guide lines to ensure everything is fair and equitable for everyone.

Program Evaluation:

Evaluation of the accreditation program is done on a continuous basis. The York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office employs a full time Accreditation Coordinator to oversee the program. This employee is constantly evaluating our agency to ensure that we continually meet the standards set forth by the VLEPSC Commission.

Proposed Goals and Objectives:

Goal #1

Continue to foster a strong, positive relationship with the community by increasing transparency and collaboration.

Objectives:

- 1. Continue to meet with members of the Citizens Advisory Committee on a monthly basis to address any concerns they bring from the community.
- 2. Host two community outreach programs a month at various locations around the county to ensure they are accessible to all residents.
- 3. Use our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Next Door, Etc.) to promote programs within the community to foster a stronger relationship. Advertise our programs 3 times a month and also on our "News from the Sheriff" monthly during 2025 and 2026.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:





Optional Element I: Virginia Rules Program

History of Program:

With the inception of the first SRO's in 1995 the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office began teaching preventative education in the classroom. The SRO's first utilized the "Class Action" program to teach youth law related educational classes to prevent and reduce crime in the school, "Class Action" was later replaced by "Virginia Rules" program. The class was a step towards helping youth make informed decisions and knowing the difference between right and wrong all while helping to build strong relationships. Approximately 1,000 9th grade students a year in York County receive Law Related Education from the SRO's.

Virginia Rules is now the focus in all four York County High Schools. SRO's are mandated to teach a portion of these youth law related lessons. These classes have built popularity and focus on decision making. This program has paved just one of the ways in which our school law enforcement professionals build and foster relationships everyday with our youth.

Currently our High School SRO's are required to teach the entire 9th grade class (1,004 Students) three of the topic areas. The required topics are: Student Responsibilities, Technology and You, and Alcohol Tobacco and Marijuana.

Program Accomplishments:

This program is widely used across York County in our High Schools (Tabb High, Grafton High, York High, and Bruton High). Not only is it used in our public high schools but also in some private schools and with youth groups (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Sheriff's Citizens Academy for Youth). There has been positive feedback from educators and youth group coordinators regarding the teaching of this material. Some of the feedback received includes, "Great material that we didn't know was available", "Can't believe the sheriff's office takes such an initiative with our kids", and "This information will definitely help kids make better decisions".

Program Evaluation:

The Virginia Rules Program is evaluated in several different ways. One method of evaluating the program is by looking at statistics in the building and see if certain crime trends or behaviors have dropped. Another method of evaluation is by the feedback from students and school staff. During the 2023-2024 school year 998 9th grade students received this education and during the 2024-2025 school year 1,004 9th grade students will receive this education from our SRO's county wide.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Increase the number of Virginia Rules Lessons taught in our public high schools from 3 in the 2024-2025 school year to 5 in our high schools and 2 in our middle schools during the 2025-2026 school year.

Objectives:

- 1. Use school crime data gathered during the 2024-2025 school year to determine the need at each school for additional education and teach the appropriate section during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Get into the 10th grade drivers Ed classroom during 2025-2026 school year and teach

 "Keeping Your Driver's License" and "Trust and Respect Between Teens and Law
 Enforcement". This will educate approximately 1,004 new drivers.
- 3. Start a Virginia Rules Program with our Middle School SRO's and pick 2 age appropriate sections during the 2025-2026 school year.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:



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Memorandum

To: Captain J.P. Kerr

From: Sgt. S. Kekoa-Dearhart

Subject: Virginia Rules Classes Taught During the 2023 - 2024 School Year

Date: July 30, 2024

Captain Kerr,

The following Virginia Rules classes were taught during the 2023 – 2024 School Year, at all high schools in York County, Virginia.

Schools:

- Bruton High School
- York High School
- Grafton High School
- Tabb High School
- York River Academy

Classes:

- 1. Technology & You
- 2. Student Responsibilities
- 3. Teens & Violence
- 4. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana

These classes were taught during the 9th grade PE classes, by their respective School Resource Officer and the School Resource Officer's supervisor.

Respectfully,

<u>Sqt. S. Kekoa-Dearhart</u> Sgt. Shawn Kekoa-Dearhart

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Optional Element II: McGruff Program

History of Program:

Sheriff J. D. Diggs was elected as the Sheriff of York County and the City of Poquoson in November of 1999. Upon assuming office in January of 2000, Sheriff Diggs began his efforts to make YPSO an accredited agency. In part, the development of a crime prevention program was one of his highest priorities.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has had a strong collaboration with the National Crime Prevention Council for many years. The Sheriff's Office has utilized the McGruff costume as well as literature to educate the public for many years. Most months there was a minimum of at least two events a month. With Crime Prevention Awareness month being in October, there has always been a heavy focus of several events throughout the month. Some of the literature included; identity thefts and scams, child Identification, technology information for teens. Today the Sheriff's Office Continues to promote crime prevention by continuing to promote McGruff. Deputy Kevin Taylor is a National Crime Prevention Specialist II and uses this program to help promote crime prevention in York County.

Program Accomplishments:

Using the McGruff program has allowed the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office to connect with citizens, businesses, faith based organizations, and schools at events and while teaching. Deputy Kevin Taylor being a NCPS II relies on his experience and collaboration with McGruff to help educate the general public about the reduction of crime. The program continues to be a proactive approach at helping to eliminate crime.

Program Evaluation:

The York County Crime Prevention Council will continually evaluate the efficacy of the program by reviewing the reduction of crime based on the education provided. The council is newly formed so an evaluation has not yet been conducted. The McGruff Program must also play an integral role in identifying areas of our community that have been impacted by crime and propose a solution that will have a positive impact on the reduction of crime.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025):

Goal #1

Increase NCPC events to a minimum of one a month for 2025.

Objectives:

- 1. The McGruff Mascot is an inspiration for children and they love to interact with him. By updating our current mascot for 2025 we can ensure that we are continuing to deliver the very best crime prevention education.
- 2. Setting up story time at libraries. We anticipate 6 of these events for 2025.
- 3. McGruff Child ID Fingerprint event. We anticipate 10 of these events for 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:





Optional Element III: TRIAD Program

History of Program:

In 2004 The York-Poquoson TRIAD was established as a joint effort between the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York County, the Attorney General's Office, AARP, and Peninsula Agency on Aging. The joint effort was to proactively reduce victimization of our aging population and to improve their quality of life by providing enhanced programs geared towards their age group. The group looks into and discovers new and improved ways to make life easier through the use of programing for our aging population.

Program Accomplishments:

Since the establishment of the York-Poquoson TRIAD, there have been countless lives changed and reshaped by having such a program to turn to for advocacy. Each year many senior citizens are involved in programs and events hosted by our local TRIAD. Well over a hundred seniors participated in events and programs for 2024.

Program Evaluation:

The TRIAD program is evaluated by several groups in York County to include; York County Crime Prevention Council, Citizens Advisory Committee, AARP, and Senior Center of York County. The use of Crime Analyst Data also helps to evaluate success as well as areas of need.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

Increase the way in which TRIAD is promoted for 2025 - 2026.

Objectives:

- 1. Use social media to advertise the program at least once a month during 2025 both on YPSO and York County Outlets.
- 2. Educate seniors and caregivers at events or classes on current frauds and scams. These classes and events will be held continuously at a minimum of 5 a month during 2025.
- 3. Advertise the TRIAD Program at the Senior Center of York County at least once a month during 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:



YORK - POQUOSON TRIAD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

AARP Office of the Attorney General Peninsula Agency on Aging RSVP York County Community Services York - Poquoson Sheriff's Office

PREAMBLE

Major polls indicate that crime and the fear of crime impact severely on older Americans. Recognizing the challenging situation presented by a rapidly increasing number of older persons in the country, we desire to identify and offer ways of dealing more effectively with the many problems faced by older citizens.

Because of the aging of the population and the increasing demands being placed on law enforcement agencies to ret the needs of older citizens, it is important that the area's leading law enforcement agencies devote special methods of senior citizens.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

In light of the above, the AARP, Office of the Attorney General, York - Poquoson Sheriff's Office, Peninsula Agency on Aging, RSVP, and the York County Community Services Division, are determined to effect change. These agencies and organizations agree that the nation's older population has special needs with respect to victimization and fear of crime, perceived and actual loss, and the sense of being alone and unprotected. We agree that these needs can and should be met by law enforcement agencies and the area's leading premiere organizations of older citizens, working together at all levels of free societies.

We hereby commit to work together to enhance the quality of life of older persons. Our purpose is to heighten awareness among law enforcement practitioners of older persons' need for dignity and security and to focus our efforts on reducing criminal victimization through cooperative strategies, planning and programming. This initiative is designed to mobilize community resources to continually ascertain the needs and concerns of older critizens and to provide mechanisms for meeting those identified needs.

This sharing of resources is the first step in achieving an effective means of identifying available programs. This process will involve law enforcement practitioners as well as citizens of all ages in the development, implementation and evaluation of acceptable solutions. Together, we will strive for a renewed sense of responsibility for the security and general well being of older citizens through public awareness, training, and the provision of criminal justice services.

.acrefore, by agreement, the York - Poquoson TRIAD will initiate the appropriate actions to achieve these objectives.

ACCEPTED THIS 16th Day of July, 2004:

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TRIAD Programs

service providers who agree to work together for the betterment of senior population. Aging (PAA), AARP, York County, and the City of Poquoson, as well as older citizens or senior TRIAD is a partnership that involves the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, Peninsula Agency on

Goal is to reduce criminal victimization of senior citizens and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to the citizens.



Optional Element IV: National Night Out

History of Program:

National Night Out is an annual program that occurs on the first Tuesday in August. This national program has been around since 1984. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has had an invested interest in this program for over twenty years. The Sheriff's Office does not take this program lightly and it has grown over the years to include businesses as well as neighborhoods. The program involves residents of a neighborhood coming together with the support of law enforcement to collaborate about the reduction of crime. Over the years the Sheriff's Office has utilized this program as a means to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community.

Program Accomplishments:

Over the last twenty years being involved in programs such as this has help to pave the way for a safer community. National Night Out has helped to secure professional relationships with citizens, businesses, faith based communities, and our schools. Each year several neighborhoods reach out to the Sheriff's Office and request our presence during this event. We set up a calendar and send law enforcement officers to each of these neighborhoods equipped with knowledge and educational materials. At each of these events there are swarms of citizens that we are engaging with from the citizen outreach level to the business level. At a minimum there are always 5 plus neighborhoods that participate in this program.

Program Evaluation:

The York County Crime Prevention Council as well as the Sheriff's Advisory Committee will continually evaluate the efficacy of the program based on the community support of this program. The council is new so an evaluation has not yet been done. Part of the evaluation will involve reviewing the number of neighborhoods that have requested this program. Review of the education and materials given through this program will also be evaluated.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

Goal #1

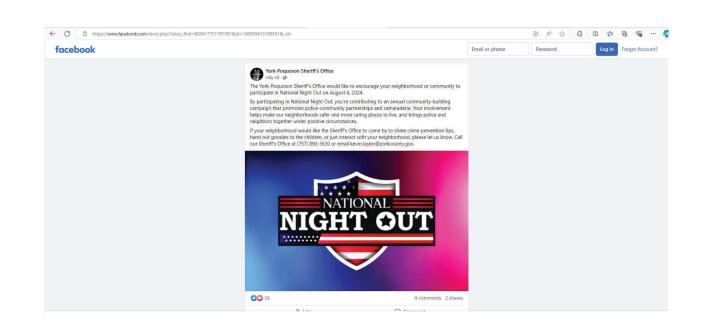
Promote programs that the Sheriff's Office offers for the community to reach out to more citizens to let them know of the services that we offer.

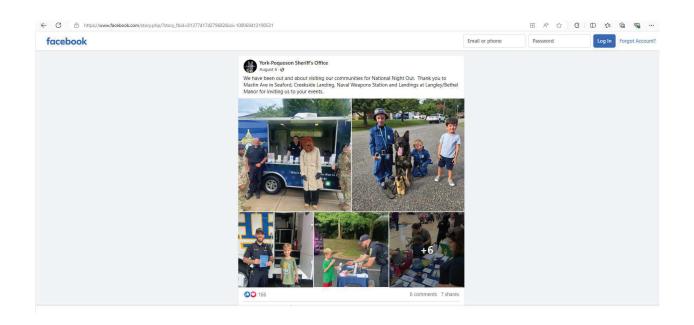
Objectives:

1. Use a minimum of two Social media, videos, photos, and facts to help advertise National Night Out starting in June 2025.

- 2. Have enhanced Literature available on site for the programs offered through the Sheriff's Office for 2025 and moving forward.
- 3. Facilitate at least 10 valuable conversations on site in a collaborative effort to reach out to our aging population and our teen population for 2025. These conversational opportunities need to take place with every citizen possible.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:





Optional Element V: Gun Safety Program

History of Program:

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has utilized a program called Eddie Eagle for over twenty years to help eliminate children having access to firearms. This is a national program through the NRA that started in 1988. The program has educational materials in the form of Videos, Coloring Books and Classroom Instruction that the York-Poquoson Sheriff's uses to teach in-person to young children. There are materials for Pre-K through 4 grade. This information being geared for small children is taught at their level and can be taught to children no matter if firearms are in the home or not. The Sheriff's Office promotes this program at every Community Engagement event which is 70 in 2024 by way of literature and also during handgun safety classes that are taught. In 2024, over 300 children received this education.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office encourages the use of gun locks by taking part in a national program call Project Child Safe. The program is part of the NRA and provides our office with gun lock kits that are then distributed to the general public. If citizens cannot make it to the Sheriff's Office to pick a gun lock up, then we bring it to them. In 2024 we distributed approximately 400 gun locks with 3 being delivered to the citizen's residence. YPSO has also partnered with the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter and provided 50 gun locks to their pediatric doctor's office located in the county. These gun locks are available in their waiting room for parents to pick up.

The Eddie Eagle Program is primarily used during "Safety Town" which is held every summer for rising Kindergarten Students. Approximately 200 children a year attend this program.

Program Accomplishments:

Both Eddie Eagle and Project Child Safe are utilized with each other and should be credited for the lack of firearms incidents in York County involving children. Parents and children have unrestricted access to this educational information which helps to promote a much safer community.

Program Evaluation:

The York County Crime Prevention Council will evaluate the efficacy of the program on an annual basis. Factors that will be reviewed are educational classes, events, and educational materials. An evaluation has not yet been conducted by the newly formed Council.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

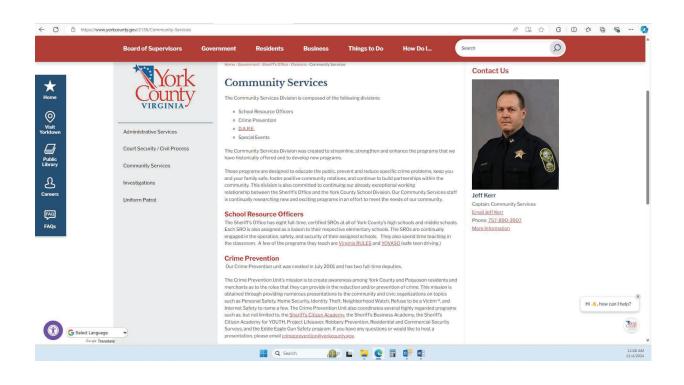
Goal #1

Increase number of Eddie Eagle educational events and materials that are available to children and families for 2025.

Objectives:

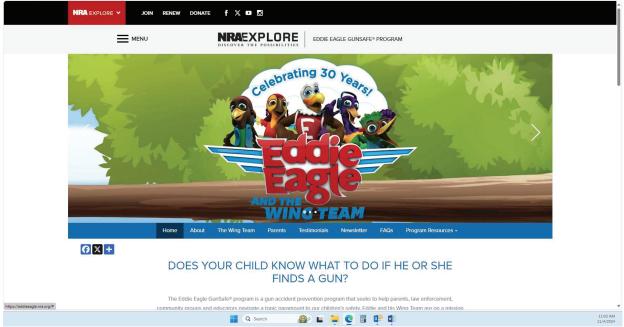
- 1. Ensure that activity books and other gun safety materials are readily available at events. Minimum of 4 events a month for 2025.
- 2. Use Eddie Eagle on social media monthly to help promote gun safety in the home for 2025.
- 3. Host a minimum off four gun safety classes for 2025 where educational materials to include gun locks are available.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:



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Optional Element VI: Crime Prevention Newsletter

History of Program:

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office stared a digital news source in 2023 called "News from the Sheriff". This is a video segment that is run on a regular basis where Sheriff R. G. Montgomery addresses the community about events, dates, special recognitions, and things that the community need to know. The Sheriff gives dates and times for upcoming classes and also gives crime prevention tips around different times of year where theft may be higher. The video segment usually is about 5 minutes long and is aired on social media channels. So far there have been 17 videos that Sheriff's Montgomery has made and there are 518 subscribers to the YouTube channel.

Program Accomplishments:

This news source has been highly effective at delivering agency news to citizens of York County now for almost two years. With having this source of information afforded to the citizens, businesses, faith-based communities, and schools it helps to build a stronger collaboration. This program is just one way that the Sheriff's Office has fostered collaborative efforts at bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community.

Program Evaluation:

The "News from the Sheriff" program continues to grow in popularity which is evident by the views and 518 subscribers on the segments that are released. Citizen participation also appears to be on the rise with programs that are promoted. This program now has a spin off series that is really growing in popularity amongst our citizens called, "Not in York County" where the sheriff speaks of crimes committed and arrests that have been made. This newest addition has 518 subscribers over the seven videos.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025-2026):

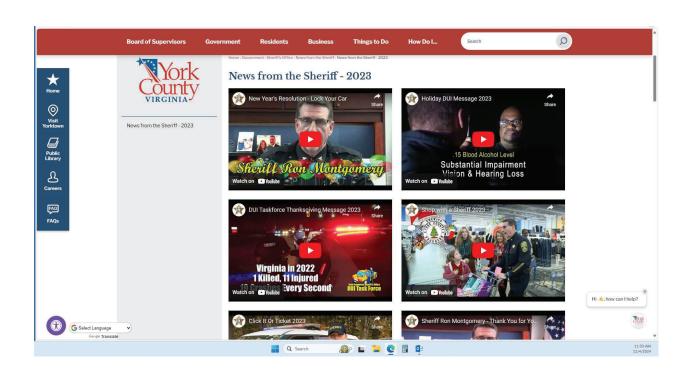
Goal #1

Increase the number of subscribers from 518 to 600 for 2025 - 2026.

Objectives:

- 1. Promote this news source through social media at a minimum of once a month for 2025.
- 2. Promote this news source at a minimum of 4 Crime Prevention Classes a month for 2025.
- 3. Promote this news source at a minimum of 4 Community Engagement Events a month for 2025.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:



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The latest "Not In York County" video shows the man hunt from yesterday, September 26, 2024, where Emeril Carpenter ended up swimming in a pond to try to get away from deputies. Sheriff Montgomery said, "he soon learned after his personal meeting with Master Deputy Scouten #NotInYorkCounty!"



Optional Element VII: School Resource Officer Program

History of Program:

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office started the School Resource Officer Program in 1995. The program started with 4 SRO's assigned to High Schools (Tabb High, Grafton High, York High, and Bruton High). Over the years, The SRO Program has grown. In 2018 2 SRO's were assigned to cover our 4 Middle Schools (Tabb Middle, Grafton Middle, Yorktown Middle, and Queens Lake Middle). In 2019 we added two additional SRO's to provide full time coverage of the middle schools. Today all York County high schools and middle schools have an assigned fulltime SRO. The elementary schools have a DARE officer / SRO that addresses the needs of the elementary schools on a proactive basis. When not teaching, the DARE Officer is a proactive element covering the elementary schools. SRO's are a crucial element of building and restoring professional relationships that help to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community. SRO's in York County provide the following but not limited to: proactive community policing to teens, teen youth law related education, interpretation of crime statistics, handling of law enforcement matters to include seeking petitions through court services.

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the York County School Division have a memorandum of understanding in place which is in accordance with 22.1-280.3:3. SRO Selection and Training Criteria for candidates for the SRO assignment shall demonstrate the following characteristics: Have an interest in working with youth, Have at least (2) two years of experience in performing field law enforcement duties and currently hold DCJS law Enforcement certification, Volunteer for the SRO assignment, Demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups, Demonstrated conflict-resolution skills, Demonstrated knowledge of juvenile law, procedures, and appropriate community resources. Before being assigned to SRO duties, deputies shall have completed the basic law enforcement academy training program and must complete the basic School Resource Officer training program within a year of receiving the assignment. In accordance with Section 9.1-114.1., Code of Virginia, deputy sheriffs employed as SRO's after July 1, 2020, shall comply with the minimum training standards established by the Virginia Board of Education and the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Program Accomplishments:

The School Resource Officer Program in York County is to be commended for making the school system as much safer place. The SRO's proactive community policing helps to build and secure the professional relationships that foster the principles in which our community rest upon.

Program Evaluation:

The SRO program is evaluated on several different levels throughout the school year. The SRO Supervisor (Sergeant) meets with building administration on a school quarterly basis to ensure we are fulfilling their needs. The supervisor is also in constant contact with administration to address any small concerns they may have. The Lieutenant of our Community Services Division meets with School Board Officials each semester to look at the program and make any needed adjustments.

Proposed Goals and Objectives (2025 - 2027):

Goal #1

Increase the Law Related Education that is delivered to the secondary students in the York County School Division.

Objectives:

- 1. Increase the number of Virginia Rules Classes taught from 3 to 5 during the 2025-2026 school year.
- 2. Add the YOVOSO Distracted Driving Education to the 10th grade Drivers Ed Curriculum during the 2025-2026 school year.
- 3. Add the Virginia Rules Program in the Middle Schools in addition to the DARE Program already in place during the 2025-2026 school year.

Analysis of Gaps in Service:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF YORK COUNTY, VA

AND

THE YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF'S OFFICE

This Agreement is made as of the 1st day of July, 2023, by and between the COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA ("the BOARD"), and the YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF'S OFFICE, YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA ("the SHERIFF").

I. PURPOSE

The BOARD, with an expressed desire to maintain safety, order and discipline in the York County, Virginia middle and high schools, hereby enters into the following Agreement with the SHERIFF. The BOARD, desiring to provide school administrators and staff with law enforcement resources and the expertise they need to maintain safety, order and discipline on the grounds and in the buildings of the York County, Virginia middle and high schools, has requested the SHERIFF to provide a total of nine (9) deputies: eight (8) full-time deputies to patrol the campuses of the high and middle schools owned by the BOARD on such days as school is in regular session and one (1) SRO Supervisor. Four of the (4) full-time deputies will patrol the campuses of the BOARD on such days as school is in regular session. The one (1) SRO Supervisor will supervise the eight (8) full-time deputies, and serve as a substitute in the high schools and middle schools as needed on the terms and conditions set out herein. The deputies assigned to the high schools and middle schools and middle schools shall be designated as School Resource Officers (SRO). The SHERIFF agrees to provide the SROs and the BOARD agrees to reimburse the SHERIFF for certain limited costs associated with the employment of six (6) of the eight (8) deputies, and one (1) SRO Supervisor, for the aforementioned services.

With interaction between the school's administration and the SHERIFF/SRO, it is important to establish, maintain, and update specific guidelines and procedures to be followed by the SHERIFF/SRO and individual school administrators. This Agreement clarifies the roles of the SHERIFF/SRO and the school administrators, the scope of their authority, and the responsibilities of the BOARD and the SHERIFF in this collaboration. The success of this collaboration relies on the effective communication between the SHERIFF/SRO, the school administration, and other key staff members of each organization.

II. SHERIFF'S OBLIGATIONS PERTAINING TO SROs

1. Upon approval and execution of this Agreement by the BOARD and by the SHERIFF, the SHERIFF shall assign a total of nine (9) deputies: eight (8) full time deputies, to patrol the campuses of the high schools and middle schools owned by the BOARD on such days as school is in regular session and one (1) SRO Supervisor to supervise the eight (8) other deputies, and to substitute in the high schools and middle schools as needed. Prior to being assigned to duties with the BOARD, each deputy will have been certified as a Law Enforcement Officer through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for a minimum of two (2) years. The assigned deputy shall have obtained such other training as is usual and customary for deputies of the SHERIFF. Any additional training required to maintain DCJS certification will be carried out during times when school is not in its regular session, whenever possible.

Ahead of the Curve



A PROACTIVE SCHOOL RESPONSE

October 2024



A Behind the Scenes Response to Campus Incidents

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit plays a vital role in ensuring a proactive approach to the safety and well-being of our York County Schools. While overseeing 19 total schools and working closely with 47 School Administrators and dozens of School Board Office employees, SROs have been active in working collaboratively to ensure a safe school environment, reduce various *athome" issues, and provide a trusted outlet for students to vent or talk through their issues. In the month of October, SROs have been actively involved in approximately 50 threat assessments of varying degrees of severity.

These state mandated threat assessment teams consist of School Administrators, Mental Health Professionals, School Psychologists, and Sheriff Deputies. Regardless of a threat's severity, an assessment is conducted to ensure that the student in question is properly connected to resources to avoid reoccurrence and to ensure proper safety protocols are further implemented. These threat assessments also encompass "threats to self" or potential suicidality. During these assessments, all parties work closely with Colonial Behavior Health to ensure parents and students are properly connected to resources for the now and for the future.

Additionally, SROs provide an outlet to students for informal counseling. These issues discussed often times relate to non-criminal and traditionally "non-police" matters. Academic performance, inter-personal communication skills, conflict resolution, disputes between friends, or sometimes simply how to navigate through life are just some of the topics discussed.

This avenue that SROs provide has shown to lessen conflicts outside of school and in some cases eliminate potential low level criminal matters completely before they begin. In the month of October alone SROs have provided approximately 200 informal counseling sessions with students from all grade levels.

In this newsletter you can expect:

SRO Unit Response

Upcoming School Events

Volunteer Spotlight

In Case You Missed It

Staff Profile Highlights





School Resource Officers and Student Engagement

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office SRO unit routinely performs what can be categorized as "traditional police work". This can range from taking reports, obtaining petitions, mediating disputes, or de-escalating irate parents. These types of incidents are not atypical to any other Law Enforcement Agency in the Country. However, SROs here at YPSO have something unique: Student Engagement.

Our SRO unit spends a considerable amount of time "off radio" or after hours creating lifelong relationships with students and staff. SROs often take their personal time to attend after school events and award ceremonies designed to celebrate student's achievements. Often times, SROs also step into the role of teachers through classes on VA Code, vaping, distracted driving, and our DARE and VA RULES curriculum.

This combination of relationship building and education has been shown to decrease overall criminality as it pertains to juvenile crime outside of school hours. This powerful combination can often decrease or eliminate calls for service after hours.





SRO Profile Highlights



Deputy Covington

Deputy Covington is heavily involved with the QLMS athletic department. Covington coaches the boy's basketball team in addition to leading fundraising events within the school. Recently, he organized and implemented a school wide Movie Night fundraiser which was attended by hundreds of students and exceeded fundraising goals for new equipment!



Deputy Dickerson

D/S Dickerson is a new addition to York High School where he immediately immersed himself into school activities. Joining in on the YHS homecoming Pep Rally student vs. staff tug-of-war on his first day. Since then, Dickerson has made it a priority to engage with students on a daily basis.





Master Deputy Crotty

MD Crotty recently graduated with his Associates Degree from Saint Leo and is actively pursuing his Bachelors from SNHU in IT and Cybersecurity. When not at TMS, Crotty is active in coaching School Wrestling, Softball, and Raider Nation Wrestling.

School Lockdown Drills

YPSO in conjunction with YCSD Personnel and School Administrators have completed the first round of State mandated School Lockdown drills. After the drills at all 19 schools, both agencies come together to discuss ways to implement growth, avoid training scars, and to introduce possible real-life scenarios. These discussions are paramount in identifying any areas of weakness, facility upgrades or changes, and addressing personnel challenges.

The Community Services Division is currently in the process of launching various training sessions for YPSO in regards to lockdown drills. These trainings are being developed in conjunction with YCSD School Security to ensure that both Agencies are operating in a consistent manner during possible real-life incidents.

The second round of drills begins in 2025.



In Case You Missed It: School Safety a Shared Responsibility and Commonwealth Conversation on Protecting Childhood

Due to a sharp rise of threat related incidents occurring in and around our school based community, Leaders from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the York County School Division came together to present a community forum in regards to School Safety.

Topics during this symposium presented to the public encompassed parent oversite and involvement with their students, education in regards to VA Code as it pertains to written threats, and steps taken to ensure a safe and secure school involvement. Parents were strongly advised to encourage their students to report threatening or dangerous activity when it is observed. The importance of promptly reporting threatening social media activity was highlighted. Virginia's First Lady, Suzanne Youngkin, in conjunction with Dr. Jonathan Haidt conducted a state wide broadcast in regards to youth mental health crisis fueled by excessive social media and smartphone use. This broadcast was sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education in which Dr. Haidt's book, "The Anxious Generation", was discussed.

"Children have one opportunity to live a childhood full of innocence and wonder. Too often, social media apps create dark corners, away from parents, where kids are exposed to things parents would never allow in real life." -Sec. of Health and Human Resources Janet Kelly

I encourage everyone with school aged children to watch the broadcast which is available on the VDOE Youtube Channel.

York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office

Community Services Division

Sgt. Larry McCay