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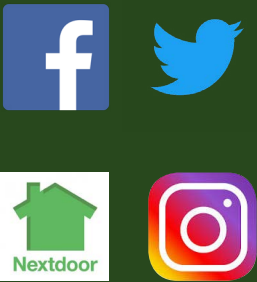
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National Night Out 2019

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The Chesterfield County Police Department wrapped up another successful National Night Out season on August 6, 2019. It began back on June 29 with the annual kick-off event at Westchester Commons. Attendees of all ages visited a diverse group of vendors, including Stop the Bleed, Frauds and Scams, SmartWater CSI, Child Safety and many others. Live music was provided by up-and-coming band 5SecondRule, and there were even special appearances by Colonel Jeffrey Katz and McGruff the Crime Dog!

Then it was time for the main event — National Night Out! The big day was August 6, and 126 communities turned on their porch lights and came out to join the fun and take a stand against crime. Over 150 police officers and support personnel came together to make sure the department was represented at each party and each community knew it was appreciated. Special guests, such as Senator Amanda Chase and Delegate Kirk Cox, joined the festivities, as well as guests from probation and parole and other public safety agencies.

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Watch Conference

November 6
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thomas R. Fulghum
Center
13900 Hull Street Rd.

Once again, the Chesterfield County Police Department and the residents of Chesterfield County joined together as one to take a united stand against crime and work together to keep families safe. We're looking forward to 2020, and we hope to see you then!



Students Preparing for College



The first year in college is difficult not only for parents, but also for students. Learning how to handle issues without the safety net of their parents can be quite a challenge for first-year college students. This year, the Chesterfield County Police Department initiated a new program geared toward rising and current college students. This class, which is part of the nationally recognized Refuse to be a Victim program, was held in August to help prepare recent high school graduates for the next chapter in their lives. The objective of the class is to give students a glimpse into the realities they will soon face as they enter adulthood and begin to venture out into the world. The class teaches some basic crime prevention skills and addresses issues related to resistance, cyberstalking, on-campus safety, sexual assault and the profile of a criminal.

This is an opportunity that we hope even more students and parents will take advantage of in the coming years. Benjamin Franklin may have captured this sentiment best when he said: "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." We want all the students who have thrived in Chesterfield County to have the best chance for success moving forward and we look forward to providing them with a great foundation from which they can build a strong future.



To anonymously report a crime and/or fugitive in Chesterfield County or Colonial Heights, call Crime Solvers at 804-748-0660 or use the P3 Tips mobile app. Your tip could make you eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

2019 TEEN POLICE ACADEMY



The Chesterfield County Police Department just completed its 14th Teen Citizen's Police Academy. The week-long program hosted 12 teens from various schools throughout the county. On opening day, the teens were greeted by Col. Jeffrey Katz, chief of police, and Dr. Joseph Casey, county administrator. Activities ranged from completing a team-building ropes course 30 feet above the ground, to participating in a live demonstration from the K9 unit, to learning how to avoid the traps of drug and alcohol abuse. The group also spent time with police officers in a non-enforcement setting and got to see the officers as individuals versus their portrayal in the media. By the end of the first day, the teens were engaging the officers in friendly conversation between classes. Friendships and bonds, with each other and the officers, were forged that will extend beyond the end of this program. Without a doubt, this was the most important lesson of all.

The Chesterfield County Police Department hosts the Teen Academy every August. Participants must be rising ninth through 12th graders in the upcoming school year. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in next year's program, be sure to talk with your School Resource Officer in the spring!

