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### Hispanic Academy

Jan. 16 - Feb. 27 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

2730 Hicks Road N. Chesterfield



## Won't you be our neighbor?

Participants in Chesterfield County's 2019 Trunk or Treat got to visit a familiar neighborhood! This year, Chesterfield County Police invited community members to be our neighbors and visit our Mister Rogers' Neighborhood "trunk."

We had a great time interacting with kids and adults alike. Bailey, a furry Mr. Rogers who joined us from the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter, was a big hit

and enjoyed all the attention. Some familiar friends, including King Friday and Queen Sara Saturday, also made appearances with some department members.

Thanks to all who came out to see us! Thanks for being such great neighbors!

One of the most common scams that emerge around this time of year is what is known as the "paving scam." The perpetrators usually prey upon members of the senior citizen community and cost the victims hundreds of dollars.

These criminals usually approach a community member unannounced and offer to pave their driveway at a discounted rate. Shortly after beginning the work, they demand payment, usually of a far greater amount than was agreed upon. The perpetrator often becomes aggressive and threatening when questioned to intimidate the victim into paying.

Please remember the following helpful tips whenever someone is trying to engage in business with you:

- 1. You always have the right to say no to any service or business. If you don't agree to the terms, or want to do business with another company, just say no!
- 2. Do not let anyone pressure you into anything! If someone makes you uncomfortable, ask them to leave. If they refuse, call the police.
- 3. Do not let anyone start any work without your consent. If they try to, tell them to stop immediately and to leave. If they don't leave, call the police.
- 4. Always ask for a *written contract*, and don't let anyone pressure you into signing anything before you are ready. Take time to read everything. If you don't understand everything, have the business representative or someone that you trust explain it to you until you are satisfied.
- 5. Ask for references, contact the Better Business Bureau, and make sure that a company is licensed and insured before doing business with them.
- 6. Go online through the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to check to see if someone has a contractor's license before letting them do any work for you.

Please feel free to send this email out to all your friends and neighbors. We want to get the message out to everyone to prevent our citizens from becoming victims.



# Social Media Awareness Event "Get Connected"

On October 16, the Chesterfield County Police Department, in conjunction with Chesterfield Mental Health and Chesterfield County Public Schools, held a Social Media Awareness event. Parents and their elementary- and middle-school-aged children were invited to attend this informative program, which was sponsored by Wegman's. The purpose of the event was to make parents aware of the impact social media can have on their child's mental health, as well as the consequences of social media activity when used inappropriately.

Students were broken into age-appropriate groups to discuss their involvement on social media while the parents stayed together to discuss the possible repercussions of unmonitored social media usage by their children. High school students involved in the criminal justice program spoke with middle school students about what they have experienced relating to social media and how it could affect them in high school and beyond. They spoke about the impact their digital footprint could have on their school and their athletic ventures, as well the implications after school from work to college. They wanted to let students know that decisions they make now could impact their future.

This program was well received by both parents and students and is something we hope to offer on a yearly basis to alert and protect county students from social media pitfalls.

# **Changing Lives**

Recently, members of the Chesterfield County Police Department participated in the Growth Through Opportunity program, originated by Travis Akins, formerly of the Roanoke Police Department. The program gives people with special needs an opportunity to work with police officers, sheriff's deputies,

fire and rescue professionals, and a wide array of civilian support personnel to learn transferrable, real-world skills. The program's end goal is to enable the participants to realize their dreams and to join the workforce alongside others who may not face the same challenges they do. Participants in this session will be gainfully employed within 90 days, resulting in a 100 percent success rate. Everyone who worked with this amazing group came away inspired and grateful for the opportunity to both teach and learn from them. If you'd like to watch the graduation ceremony, it's available on Chesterfield County Television. To watch it, <u>Click Here.</u>



# Neighborhoods Coming Together

On November 6, the Chesterfield County Police Department hosted its annual Neighborhood Watch Conference. Representatives from neighborhoods across the county met to share ideas and to meet members of the police department. Colonel Jeffrey Katz welcomed the attendees and reaffirmed the department's gratitude for their dedication to the Neighborhood Watch program. The main program, "You Are the Help Until Help Arrives," was presented by Jess Robison, public outreach coordinator for Chesterfield Emergency Management. Jess provided attendees with an impressive overview of various responses to crisis events, rendering aid to victims, and passing information to first responders to save critical time. The goal was for attendees to feel better prepared to deal with emergencies in their neighborhoods and have an enhanced sense of community and partnership with their police department.







### Welcome Sergeant Kimenhour!

Community Services welcomes Sergeant John Kimenhour III. A 20-year veteran of the Chesterfield County Police Department, Kimenhour has served in numerous capacities on his way to Community Services. During his tenure, he has been a School Resource Officer twice and served on the Marine Patrol for a total of 16 years. In addition, he served on the Special Response Unit and the Bike Patrol. Prior to joining CCPD, Kimenhour served in the Coast Guard. He is proud that his son, John Kimenhour IV, is also a member of CCPD. When asked about his current assignment in the Community Services Unit, he replied, "I'm glad to be here!"

### NEW IN THE SCHOOLS

### **School Resource Officers**

Career Officer Kelly Young comes to us with 12 years of service and was most recently a Crime Prevention Citizen Academy Coordinator. She was previously in the School Resource Program for seven years. Her expertise at building relationships with the students, faculty and staff has brought Kelly back to the SRO Program. Kelly has mentored students outside of school hours, volunteering as Bailey Bridge Middle School's Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Welcome back, Kelly!





Master Officer Jared Labello comes to the School Safety
Unit with an outstanding resume as a patrol officer. He was
named rookie of the year, in addition to other accolades. Jared brings seven years
of patrol experience with him. Previously, he was a general instructor, ID tech, tifle
operator, and a member of the Special Response Unit (SRU) and Honor Guard. He
credits previous and current SRO's for seeking him out and encouraging him to
seize a great opportunity to make a positive impact on our youth. In his free time,

Jared practices martial arts and has become proficient in the use of the bo staff and

nunchucks.

Master Officer Matthew Daulton is another newcomer to the program. Daulton's prior experience includes eight years as a patrol officer. He is also a field training officer, ID tech, a member of the department's Honor Guard, and a specialist in an elite group of Pipes and Drums that supplement the Honor Guard in ceremonies in the Commonwealth and abroad. Daulton's personality enables him to make a smooth transition from chasing bad guys by moonlight to mentoring middle school children and protecting the faculty, staff, and students of Robious Middle School.



Master Officer Richard "Rick" Harowitz has over seven years of experience as a patrol officer. Rick, a valued officer, has been a rifle operator, ID technician, field training officer, and a general instructor. He also enjoys writing, sales, and providing disc jockey services at small events. Harowitz is driven to dismantle stereotypes connected to today's youth and to use his communication skills to help bridge social gaps while building rapport with students, faculty, and staff at Providence Middle School. He looks forward to educating and mentoring the youth while helping them to understand laws, citizens' rights, and misinformation about criminal actions.

### **Child Safety Officer**

Elaine Shank is originally from Chesterfield County. She leads an active life with her husband and two teenagers that are engaged in assorted high school sports. Elaine has been involved in many county schools over the years as a room mom, PTA member, team mom and various other volunteering opportunities. She has many years and experience working with children of all ages both in and out of the schools. She is excited to be a child safety officer so that she can gain the trust of the students and teach them valuable lessons they may not learn at home.



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### 3ª Academia para la Comunidad Hispana

Todos los Jueves del 16 de enero al 27 de febrero de 2020 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.





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