

ACA Safety & Security Neighborhood Watch

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

7:00pm

Minutes of Committee Meeting

ACA Clubhouse

Meeting called by:	Mary Winkler	Type of meeting:	S/S Neighborhood Watch Committee
Facilitator:	Mary Winkler	Note taker:	Mary Winkler
Attendees:	Mary Winkler, Committee Chair Shannon Cobb Theresa Cobb Becky Queen Keith Miller		
Attachments:	Meeting Night Agenda and Handouts		

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Call To Order

Crime Report March 2023

Recent Vehicle Break-Ins

Members were informed about a string of recent vehicle break-ins in the areas of Offshore Drive and Helmsman Court. Residents are asked to please stay diligent, ensure vehicle doors are locked, and to contact CCPD to report any crime and/or provide any information and video footage relating to criminal activity. While the assumption is that teenagers are behind these thefts,

Security Cameras, Trail Cam, & Surveillance Signs

Members were informed that the new security cameras were installed monitoring the common grounds and clubhouse and playground areas. These upgraded cameras provide better range of coverage and clarity and will help enhance the safety and security of community.

Security Gates

Members were informed that estimates for automated gates were provided to the HOA board for consideration in hopefully the near future.

Dumpster Days

We are working Chesterfield Community Enhancement to schedule Dumpster days once again for the community. We are in the process of fine tuning details and while we were hoping for a Spring Cleanup it looks to be Fall will be the better time frame for scheduling. Residents will be updated as more information becomes available.

National Night Out 2023

Members were asked to please think of ideas and/or recommendations to improve this years NNO event in August.

Handouts Discussed: Citizen Police Academy, Teen Citizens Police Academy, CERT program, Citizens Fire Academy, and Firearm Safety in Vehicles

Safety, Security, & Neighborhood Watch Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2023

MEETING AGENDA:

1. CRIME REPORT-MARCH 2023
2. RECENT VEHICLE BREAK-INS
3. SECURITY CAMERA UPDATE
4. UPDATE ON SECURITY GATES
5. DUMPSTER DAYS
6. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023
7. CITIZEN COMMUNITY ACADEMIES
 - a. Citizen Police Academy
 - b. Teen Citizens Police Academy
 - c. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
 - d. Citizens Fire Academy
8. FIREARM SAFETY IN VEHICLES

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
DISPATCHED CALLS FOR SERVICE
ASHBROOK
March 2023**

Report run date: 04/03/2023 @ 4:04:05PM

<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSIST	1
CHECK THE WELFARE	3
DEAD ON ARRIVAL - POLICE	1
DELIVER MESSAGE	1
DOMESTIC	2
DOMESTIC ASSAULT	1
OVERDOSE - POLICE	1
POLICE SERVICE	2
RECKLESS DRIVING	1
SOLICITING - NOT PROSTITUTION	1
SUICIDE	2
SUSPICIOUS SITUATION	2
TROUBLE WITH JUVENILES	1
VANDALISM	1
WARRANT SERVICE	1
Total	21

Citizens Police Academy

The Chesterfield County Police Department Citizens Police Academy offers Chesterfield County residents an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of police practices and procedures. Offered several times a year, the academy enhances communications between the Police Department and the community, and provides residents involvement with the Police Department through volunteer programs.

This free academy is open to all Chesterfield County residents and/or county business owners as well as members of any community or civic organization located in Chesterfield County.

Following successful attendance, the participant will receive a certificate of completion from the Chief of Police during a graduation ceremony.

Upcoming Academy Dates

- Spring 2023: Thursdays, March 9-April 27 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Location: Lifelong Learning Institute, 13801 Westfield Road, Midlothian
- Spring 2023: Thursdays, May 18-June 29 from 6:30-10 p.m.
Location: CCPD Community Services Building, 2730 Hicks Road, North Chesterfield
- Fall 2023: Thursdays, Aug. 3-Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Location: CCPD Community Services Building, 2730 Hicks Road, North Chesterfield
- Fall 2023: Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 24 from 6:30-10 p.m.
Location: CCPD Community Services Building, 2730 Hicks Road, North Chesterfield

Apply

[Complete the citizens academy application online.](#)

For more information, [email Corporal Matt Rogers](#) or call [804-318-8549](#).

Eligibility Requirements

Participants must be adults and reside, own a business or belong to a civic organization within Chesterfield County.

Applicants will be screened for activities that may disqualify them from participating in the academy. This includes, but is not limited to, a criminal history check, a Division of Motor Vehicles check and a police contact check.

Topics and Activities

- School Resource Officer
- Traffic
- Forensics
- K-9

- Special Response Unit
- SWAT
- Office of Professional Standards
- County Attorney
- Ride with a police officer on patrol (if desired)
- Participate in scenarios (if desired)

Visit

<https://www.chesterfield.gov/945/Academies>

Teen Citizens Police Academy

The Chesterfield County Police Department's Teen Citizens Police Academy offers a unique hands-on experience for our high school students who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The week-long academy provides an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of police procedures, while also enhancing communication between the Police Department and the teen community.

Topics Covered

- Open forum with the Chief of Police
- Chesterfield County Police Uniform Operations Bureau
- Challenge Course
- SWAT presentation
- Firearms simulator demonstration
- Emergency Communications Center tour
- Forensics class, including crime scene analysis
- K-9 demonstration
- County jail tour
- Radar demonstration including hands-on radar operations

Summer 2023 Eligibility Requirements

Students who will be progressing to the 9-12 grades for the 2023-2024 school year are eligible. Background checks will be conducted on all applicants. Class size is limited to 15 participants; slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dates: July 10-14, 2023

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (early release on Friday)

Location: CCPD Community Services - 2730 Hicks Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

The academy is free and lunch and snacks will be provided each day. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the class location each day.

Apply

[Complete the teen academy application online.](#)

For more information, [email Corporal Matt Rogers](#) or call [804-318-8699](#).

Visit

<https://www.chesterfield.gov/945/Academies>

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

About CERT

Chesterfield County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is based on the American tradition of neighbors helping neighbors prepare for emergencies. It provides support and direction is provided by Chesterfield Fire and EMS through the Office of Emergency Management, and works closely with other volunteer programs such as the Chesterfield Medical Reserve Corps and Chesterfield Neighborhood Watch. Learn more about the [Chesterfield Emergency Planning Committee](#).

More than 1,000 people have completed initial CERT training. Additional training is offered after graduation. CERT members will be offered opportunities to participate in outreach events and disaster exercises. Learn more about the program in the [CERT video](#).

Course Overview

The CERT course is a free 24-hour program offered to the community members 18 years of age and older which provides them with the basic emergency response skills that are essential in the critical time after a disaster and before emergency responders arrive on scene. Instructors provide hands-on training in such critical areas as:

- Basic Emergency Medical Skills
- Emergency Communications
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology
- Search and Rescue Techniques

Graduates earn a certificate and CERT emergency gear including a backpack and helmet. View the [course syllabus \(PDF\)](#)

Registration and Waitlist

Complete the [CERT Training Registration form](#) to be notified regarding upcoming CERT classes.

<https://www.chesterfield.gov/385/Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT>

Citizens Fire Academy

Citizens Academy Spring Program 2023

April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23 (3-6 p.m.)

June 3 and June 6 (9 a.m.-noon)

For more information or to register, call [804-748-1426](tel:804-748-1426).

The Citizens Academy in Chesterfield County gives students a unique insight into what it is like to be a firefighter. Academy details include:

- Adults aged 18 years or older are allowed
- Each session will provide participants with information about fire department operations and how they can become citizen firefighters
- The program is offered twice a year (Spring and Fall)
- Space is limited to 30 participants

Sessions include the following:

- EMS Operations and CPR Training
- Emergency Communications Center Tour
- Fire Science and Fire Dynamics
- History of the Fire Service and Fire Prevention
- Live Demonstrations and Hands on Evolution
- Portable Fire Extinguisher Training
- Special Operations, Including Dive and Technical Rescue

For more information or to register, call [804-748-1426](tel:804-748-1426).

<https://www.chesterfield.gov/523/Citizens-Fire-Academy>

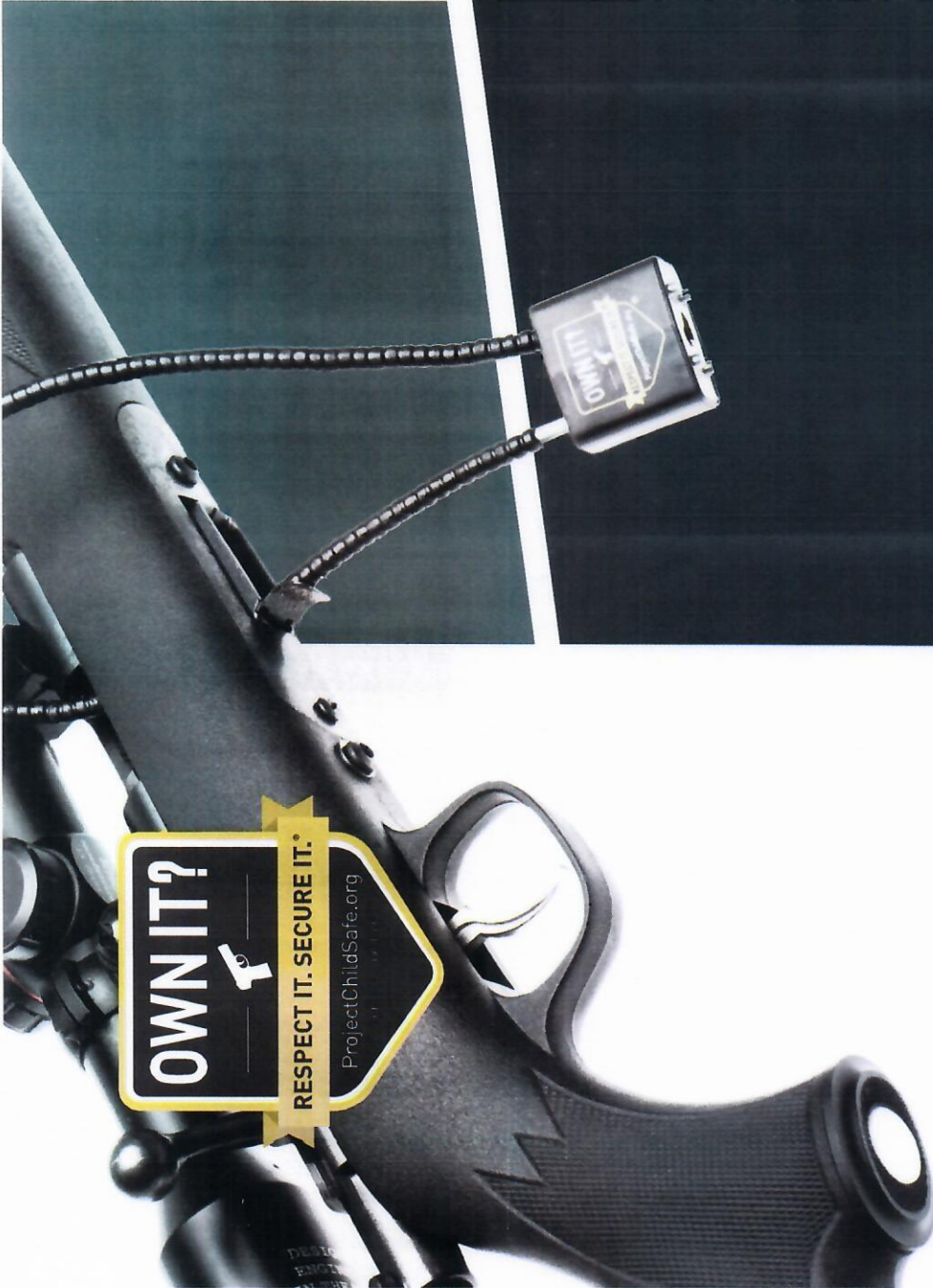
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Visit ProjectChildSafe.org and NSSF.org/Safety for additional firearms safety information.

Free Project ChildSafe cable gun locks are available at thousands of law enforcement departments nationwide.

Find participating departments at ProjectChildSafe.org.



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STORING FIREARMS IN VEHICLES TO PREVENT THEFT AND MISUSE

We travel with our firearms all the time, taking them to the range, on hunting trips or carrying them on our person, as permitted by law. As a result, there will be times when you might have to leave your firearm in your vehicle.

This creates a situation that deserves careful consideration—the last thing you want is to have your gun stolen and potentially misused by a criminal. In some states, you could even be subject under the law to serious penalties and fines for failure to properly secure a firearm.

Unfortunately, thefts of firearms from vehicles are on the rise. Thieves commonly steal cars and trucks even when they don't obviously contain firearms—a reminder that vehicle door locks are not totally secure.

As a responsible gun owner concerned about your firearms falling into the wrong hands, it's best to always remember this rule: **Your firearm must be under your control at all times; when it's not, it should be placed in locked storage and out of sight.** Locking the doors on your vehicle does not constitute secure firearm storage. As one writer put it: "Cars and trucks aren't safes. And they're not holsters. They're not storage containers."

The glove compartment or console of your car or truck, even if lockable, should not be considered a secure storage device either, as it can be pried open too easily.

If you need to leave your firearm in a vehicle, here are some important safety considerations to keep in mind to help prevent theft and unauthorized access.

FIREARMS SAFETY IN VEHICLES



- Take note of and safely control the muzzle direction of firearms in vehicles. This is one of the main rules of gun safety and applies to the inside of vehicles as well as any other location.
- When finished using your firearm outside your vehicle, unload it before you re-enter your vehicle.
- Even after a long hunt or a day in the sun at the range, always check, and then double check, that guns are unloaded before placing them in a car or truck.
- Be very careful if you must unload a firearm in the confined space of a vehicle so as not to have an accidental discharge. If your location allows, it is safer and easier to unload the firearm outside the vehicle.
- Never leave firearms in an area of the vehicle where they are accessible to children or pets.
- Use secure temporary storage for firearms in vehicles.
- A lockable gun case or a lock box may be the most practical choice to securely store a gun in a vehicle. These come in a range of prices and models.
- If you're concerned about quick access to your firearm, many types of lockable safes allow for extremely fast access of your gun while at the same time helping to prevent unauthorized access.
- Secure the lock box to the vehicle, if possible. Some companies make custom concealed compartments for specific model vehicles.
- Keep firearms and ammunition out of sight to avoid tempting thieves.

SUMMING UP

It's your first priority as a responsible gun owner to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

If you must temporarily store a gun in your car or truck, for your safety and that of your community, we encourage you to take steps to properly store them. Use a secure storage device, keep it out of sight, try not to be away from the vehicle for an extended length of time and, when you arrive home, take the firearm inside with you to your secure home storage area.

Remember: the number one way to help prevent firearms theft, accidents and misuse is to securely store firearms when not in use.

