



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2023**



Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved

PRESENT: Amanda Jensen, Jenny Joyner, Eileen O'Brien, Annette Robinson

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright

YPSO: Chief Deputy Thomas West

SECRETARY: Dr. Linda Hutchinson

BYLAWS & MEMBERSHIP: David Gorwitz

ABSENT: Melanie Bond-Artis, Amy Brown, Robert Carpenter, Toni Chavez, Shana Gist, Beth Hoer, Kristen Nelson, Krystyn Reid, Stephen Roane, Tara Taylor

Guests: Shanna Hensley, Director of Development Salvation Army
(Note: The originally scheduled guest, Darrien Hines, will speak at the August meeting.)

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **Call to Order** – Chair D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order at 9:07am. He welcomed new member Amanda Jensen from Poquoson and ASCT certified therapy dog River, owned by Linda Hutchinson. River welcomed all members present.
2. **YPSO Updates - Maj. Tom West** (Sheriff Montgomery was unable to attend.) Maj. West informed the committee about upcoming events. Those events include YPSO C.R.A.S.E. training in which Sheriff Montgomery is heavily involved, the Sheriff's Citizens' Academy, Handgun Safety Classes and the Sheriff's Youth Citizens' Academy for youth aged 18 and above. The YCA is scheduled for August 7-11, 2023. Also in August, YPSO recertification will be conducted. The

recertification team will review 100% of YPSO policies and focus on the alignment of practices with policies. Sheriff Montgomery is extensively involved in all events. The issue of cruise ships in Yorktown is still being debated, including the additional law enforcement staffing that will be required.

Major Tom West discussed an incident approximately one week ago when the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, equipped with a search warrant, searched for a man residing in York County and Hampton. Initially a YPSO team was involved until the FBI Hostage Task Force was called to assist. The man was eventually arrested in Hampton.

3. Chair Updates - D'Shawn Wright

In addressing the rescheduling of Darrien Hines, the chair initiated a conversation about the lack of transitioning services for those being released from prison. Organizations that provide support services include Men's Wearhouse, Faith Walkers and Garage Ministry in Smithfield.

4. Guest - Shanna Hensley, Director of Development Salvation Army

Director Hensley described the work of the Salvation Army in serving those in need in the Hampton Roads area. To address their goal of providing school supplies for 500 children, the Salvation Army is partnering with D'Shawn Wright and Jenny Joyner of Body by D Gym. They will be collecting school supplies at the BBD location. Although all school supplies are needed, among the most needed items are backpacks, calculators and ear buds. On August 26 at 2pm, a community fair will be held at the center on 1033 Big Bethel Rd, Newport News. In addition to school supplies, food will be provided and barbers will be available to provide haircuts for the youth. To register children from K-12 call 757-838-4875. For more information: <https://virginiapeninsula.salvationarmypotomac.org/>

5. Community Service:

In addition to those discussed above, the YPSO is partnering with the Boys' and Girls' Club to host a Field Day at Yorktown Middle School on July 22 from 2-6pm.

D'Shawn Wright spoke about the issues faced by York County senior citizens and the importance of addressing their needs.

Amanda Jensen discussed Five Loaves non-profit ministry that distributes food to the homeless and others in need. Food and other supplies are provided through donations.

6. Adjournment: Chair D'Shawn Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:04am. The next CAC meeting will be Saturday, August 12 from 9am-10am.