



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2025**



**Meeting Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved**

**Present:** Amy Brown (zoom), Rob Carpenter, Toni Chavis (zoom), Rebecca Crocker, David Gorwitz, Douglas Hackworth, Linda Hutchinson, Kristen Nelson, Eileen O'Brien, Stephen Roane (zoom), Annette Robinson (zoom),

**CHAIR:** D'Shawn Wright and Rob Carpenter

**YPSO:** Major Tommy West

**Secretary:** Linda Hutchinson

**Bylaws & Membership:** David Gorwitz

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

1. **Call to Order** – Major Tommy West called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

2. **YPSO & Community Updates:** Major Tommy West

Major West discussed three major cases. 1.) The dead body of a 30 yr. old man was found on Rt. 17 near County Grill on February 17, 2025. He was identified as the person reported missing on Friday 2/14/2025. It was determined to be a by hit and run death, and the driver was arrested the evening of 2/17/25. The YPSO is working with Krystyn Reid in determining felony charges. 2.) A 71 yr old man was arrested for theft of \$17,000 worth of jewelry from the Williamsburg Antique Mall on February 19, 2025. He was charged with larceny. 3.) On January 10, 2025 the YPSO, as members of The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, searched a home on Trinity Dr. seizing the resident's electronics. On February 5, 2025 the resident was arrested and charged with possession of obscene material and possession of obscene material involving animals.

Major West shared updates on Virginia State government bills and discussions concerning law enforcement. 1.) The state government's amendment to a bill that regulated access to license plate readers does not affect the YPSO. A study is being conducted on the use of data recorded by traffic light cameras. The YPSO has maintained a policy limiting access to that data and the length of time that data is stored. 2.) Based on population, York County is allowed to have ten traffic light cameras. Since drivers' licenses of speeders are not affected by tickets issued and paid from that source, it is more beneficial for citizens to be ticketed in that way. Those fines do not result in high revenue for the county. 3.) Attempts to amend the law concerning traffic stops for various offenses, for example broken headlights, were not successful. That law prohibits law enforcement from issuing tickets or arresting drivers for other offenses discovered during that traffic stop. 4.) Legislation to increase towing fees does not affect fees for towing by law enforcement. The YPSO has a Towing Advisory Board that

regulates fees charged for law enforcement related towing. 5.) Vape shops have been charged with selling marijuana and vapes to minors, but they are difficult to prosecute. Stephen Roane of the Board of Supervisors will work with the YPSO to explore the possibility of regulations or other means of regulating those sales.

Stephen Roane also discussed the problem of roadside litter for which he gets frequent complaints. Unfortunately, it is seldom to never done where the YPSO is able to observe it, and clean-up services are not available. Major West and Mr. Roane will discuss with directors the resumption of teams from the jails to conduct that service. The CAC learned that jail inmates look forward to clean up duty.

The YPSO embarked on a losing snowball battle with young citizens of the county after our recent snow falls. The deputies have been titled as Our First Ever Snowball Fight Response Team.

### **3. Chair Updates: Chair Rob Carpenter**

CAC Chair Rob Carpenter introduced our new CAC member Rebecca Crocker. Ms. Crocker has been a resident of York County since 2020. She is very involved in volunteer work, particularly in schools and as a Girl Scout Leader. She serves as an attorney in the Department of Labor in Newport News. After her introduction the other members of the CAC introduced themselves to both new members initiated in 2025, Ms. Crocker and Douglas Hackworth. Since the third new member had to withdraw, the CAC will discuss adding a third member at the March meeting.

The purpose of the CAC, as expressed by Chair Carpenter, is to foster better relations with York County citizens by sharing citizen concerns with the YPSO and by being as transparent as possible with our friends and neighbors about the YPSO. The Committee was formed by Sheriff Ron Montgomery as a result of Hard Talks at Body By D Gym following the death of George Floyd in 2020. The Sheriff's YPSO standards include: 1.) "Do things the right way to keep public trust." and 2.) "Just because you can, doesn't mean you should."

Major West and Rob Carpenter encouraged members to think about possible future community service projects, particularly regarding our participation in back-to-school drives.

### **4. Adjournment** – Chairman Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2025.