



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025**



Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee:

Present: Toni Chavis, Rebecca Crocker, David Gorwitz, Doug Hackworth, Linda Hutchinson, Kristen Nelson (zoom), Eileen O'Brien, Stephen Roane (zoom), Candi Skinner, Ashley Smith (zoom), D'Shawn Wright

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright and Rob Carpenter

YPSO: Sheriff Ron Montgomery, Maj. Tommy West

Secretary: Linda Hutchinson

Bylaws & Membership: David Gorwitz

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. **Call to Order** – Chair D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

1. Chair and Community Updates: D'Shawn Wright

Community Reports: Chairman Wright thanked members for honoring their commitment to the CAC by taking time from families and other responsibilities to attend the meeting.

Upcoming community events were discussed by the membership. This included National Night Out, Back-to-School Events, and CAC Community Information Nights. Major West will email the CAC with the locations of National Night Out on August 5 from 5:30-8:00pm. Chairman Wright will contact Yorktown Square to be the location for the Back-to-School event on August 16. Body By D gym will collect shoes and other clothing for Care Closets. It was suggested that donations may also be collected at CAC Community Information Events.

The CAC discussed student participation on the CAC. Chairman Wright may bring a student to the next CAC meeting.

The first CAC Community Information Night is scheduled for Monday, October 20 on the dangers of vaping among young people. Several speakers were suggested. Kristen Nelson recommended contacting the Historic Triangle Drug Prevention Coalition under the Colonial Behavioral Health Board as a source for good information on this. Those wishing to attend will sign up online. Stephen Roane said that York County now requires vape shops to have a specialty permit in order to open.

Topics for the August CAC meeting will include discussing alternate meeting dates and finalizing details for the October CAC Community Night.

York County School Board Update: Candi Skinner thanked the YPSO for its support of the school system. Its support and the support by the court system for the career awareness program enabled students to visit the offices, resulting in increased interest in law enforcement careers. Sheriff Montgomery discussed the YPSO internship program in which four college students worked for the department. Additionally, the Explorers Program, which met once a week, was designed to enable 14-21 year olds to better understand law enforcement. The last Explorers Program had 20-21 young people enrolled. Among other responsibilities, they assisted with traffic control and served as ambassadors. The Sheriff and Ms. Skinner will be discussing involvement by high school students in an internship program at the YPSO and in the YPSO's expanding drone program.

York County Board of Supervisors Update: Stephen Roane

The York County government now requires specialty permits for vape shops.

2. YPSO Updates: Sheriff Ron Montgomery

State law now requires seat belts be worn by all passengers as well as the vehicle driver. Tickets will be issued to drivers who disobey that law. Tickets will also be issued to drivers using hand held devices while driving.

3. Membership and Bylaws: David Gorwitz

Application for CAC membership will be available to the public in the fall and some members will cycle off the CAC in December. Therefore filling 2025 membership vacancies will be rescheduled for that time period.

6. Adjournment – Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025 at 6:00pm.