



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
Citizens' Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025**



Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee:

Present: Amy Brown (Zoom), Toni Chavis (Zoom), David Gorwitz, Linda Hutchinson, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Nelson, Stephen Roane, D'Shawn Wright

CHAIR: D'Shawn Wright and Rob Carpenter

YPSO: 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 6:07pm.

1. YPSO Updates – Major Tommy West

As the result of a month-long investigation of illegal drug distribution, a Newport News man was arrested in the 2400 block of George Washington Blvd. Seized at the scene were crystal meth, psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana, several weapons and over \$18,000 in cash. Warrants were issued for another suspect. Maj. Tommy reiterated the importance of “See something; say something”.

A barricade situation in Dandy was resolved when a suspect was arrested. He is accused of beating and robbing a woman, then fleeing by automobile from deputies to his home where he barricaded himself inside with a weapon. He surrendered when deputies entered through his front door. A man was arrested at Great Wolf Lodge for apparent abduction attempts of a child. Maj. West discussed the parameters of domestic assault, abduction, and abuse laws, stressing the importance of being aware of abuse and threats to women, partners and spouses.

Maj. West explained the roles of Resource Officers compared to the roles of school administration. The first Clergy Advisory meeting was well attended by 35+ faith-based individuals. Faith-based organizations are often able to reach communities, particularly the elderly, that are not in touch with the YPSO. Through the advisory board the YPSO can convey important information, particularly to the elderly who are often victims of scammers. The YPSO expressed the desire to reach more faith-based communities to participate on the board.

2. Chair and Community Updates: D'Shawn Wright

Community Reports:

- a. **Chairman Updates:** In response to concerns about homing found pets outside animal control duty hours, Chairman Wright contacted an organization who will make arrangements for those found pets. The Chair discussed the ideas submitted by Candi Skinner for the CAC Community Event to be held on October 20. The topic will be the growing problem of vaping by underage young people. Stephen Roane will be one of the presenters, discussing York County regulations. Major West will secure the location.

Chair Wright distributed a CAC Member Survey to examine each members' mission and purpose for joining the CAC. Copies will be emailed to members not in attendance.

- b. **YC Court System:** Kristen Nelson notified the committee that the court system is seeking applicants for two positions. Ms. Nelson also discussed a situation in York County where a home title was illegally claimed by another person. The owner had to go to court to get her house back. Board Member Roane said the BOS is working to protect citizens from that threat.
- **York County School Board Update:** Stephen Roane discussed the newly formed Towing Advisory Board whose mission is to establish a list of reliable towing companies and fees and to provide that list to the communities. Two law enforcement officers, two tow truck operators, and one community member comprise that board.

3. Membership and Bylaws: David Gorwitz

In September an application for CAC membership will be published and posted on social media. In addition to the current vacancies, several members will cycle off the committee in December.

6. Adjournment – Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2025.