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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Trick-or-treat hours in James City County are from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31 for children 12 and under.

Halloween is an exciting night of the year and a particularly special treat for young children. It is an important time to be extra vigilant for potential safety hazards. The James City County Police Department wants everyone to have a happy, fun and safe Halloween by following these tips.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Come out and see us at these great events!

10/21/16– 5:30-7:30p.m. – Trunk or Treat, Jamestown Beach Event Park, 2205 Jamestown Road

10/22/16—10 a.m.-2 p.m. —JCCPD Open House, 4600 Opportunity Way

10/25/16– 5-7 p.m. Trunk or Treat– Chick-Fil-A, Mooretown Road

11/4/16– 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Live Well Expo - JCC Rec Center, 5301 Longhill Road

11/12/16– 9 a.m.-1 p.m.- Stuff the Cruiser Food Drive, Walmart Neighborhood Market, 4670 Casey Boulevard

12/3/16– 8 a.m.– Williamsburg Christmas Parade

Parents

- Always escort your children and carry a flashlight
- Set a specific time for your child/children to be out
- Always know who is trick-or-treating with your children
- Walk on the sidewalks and not in the middle of the street
- Instruct your child(ren) to **NEVER** to enter any homes
- Stay in well-lit areas
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them
- Choose fireproof comfortable costumes made of light colored material so they can be easily seen in the dark
- Consider placing reflective or glow in the dark tape on your child(ren)’s costumes
- Teach children their home and/or parent’s cell phone number in case they get lost

Trick or Treaters

- **Do not** trick-or-treat by yourself
- **Do not** take short cuts, especially through alleys
- Obey all traffic signals and look in all directions when crossing the street
- **Do not** run! Walk to your intended destination and do not walk out between cars or driveways.
- Walk in the direction facing traffic
- If there are no sidewalks, stay as far left of the roadway as possible

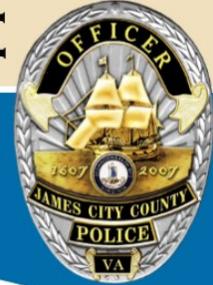
JCCPD IS PARTICIPATING IN UPCOMING HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Come see the JCCPD Monster truck and officers at these events. We will be passing out coloring books, temporary tattoos, candy, and stickers!

- **Oct. 21, 5:30-7:30p.m.**- “Trunk or Treat”- Jamestown Beach Event Park
- **Oct. 25, 5-7 p.m.** - “Trunk or Treat”- Chick-fil-A, Mooretown Road



JAMES CITY COUNTY POLICE



OPEN HOUSE

for the Law Enforcement Center's 5th anniversary

Saturday, Oct. 22

10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

4600 Opportunity Way

Williamsburg, VA 23188

Free and open to the public

OPEN HOUSE



**SWAT Demos • Face Painting • Child ID
Building Tours • Bounce House
Crime Scene Techniques Demos
Police Car, Boat, Motorcycle and
Monster Truck Displays**

QUESTIONS?

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Citizens Police Academy– Starting Feb. 2017

WHAT IS THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY? The James City County Police Department's Citizens Police Academy has been offering members of our local community the opportunity to get an inside look at the operation and function of police procedures since 1994. The classes offer an overview of the department's philosophy, each division and other areas of police work such as SWAT team demos, operation of RADAR, traffic stops, DUI enforcement, search and seizure, handgun safety, shooting range, internal affairs, crime scene investigations, buildings searches and officer survival. Students are given the opportunity to participate in several practical exercises such as a nighttime building search, citizen ride along program, firing weapons at a shooting range and a tour of the Law Enforcement Center.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW? The Citizens Police Academy is offered in the spring and fall each year. Most classes are held at the Law Enforcement Center located at 4600 Opportunity Way, from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays. There is one Saturday session, which will be held at the firing range. The academy meets for 14 weeks and is free of charge to adults living or working in James City County.

HOW DO I APPLY? Adult citizens living or working in James City County must fill out an application to attend the Citizens Police Academy. All applicants must undergo a criminal background check before being admitted to the program.



The application process will open in Dec. 2016 for the Feb. 2017 session. Please check the James City County Police website for an application. We recommend applying early as the academy fills quickly.

Drug Take Back Program to be held Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m

According to a 2014 study, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The same study showed that the majority of abused prescription medications were obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

On Oct. 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the James City County Police Department will partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency and hold a Drug Take Back Program to help citizens dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription medication. The event will be held at the James City County Recreation Center, 5301 Longhill Road At the last Drug Take Back Program event, JCCPD collected 468 pounds of drugs for destruction.



Coloring with a Cop

1st Tuesday of each month at New Town Barnes & Noble



The James City County Police Department has a program called “Coloring with a Cop”. Officers have previously held “Coffee with a Cop” events to interact with citizens in an informal setting over a cup of coffee. Officers felt that there needed to be a similar program for children.

Officers are finding that some children are intimidated or frightened of police officers, and they want to ensure that children know that police officers are here to help. “Coloring with a Cop” offers an opportunity for officers sit down and color with children and while coloring, they talk to the children about what police officers do, tell them about the uniform they wear, discuss gun safety and 9-1-1. Officers have already interacted with hundreds of children at area day care facilities through the “Coloring with a Cop” program. The program is held on the first Tuesday of each month at Barnes & Noble in New Town from 11 a.m.-noon. If you would like to schedule to host a “Coloring with a Cop” event at your location, please contact Officer Jamie Lilley at 757-603-6027.

Firearm Safety Courses

The James City County Police Department is offering a free firearm safety class to residents. Each one session class will cover basic safety, handling, storage and basic laws related to carrying a concealed handgun in the Commonwealth of Virginia. **The class does not include hands-on training, and personal firearms should be left at home in a secure location.** This course meets the requirement for the “Documentation of Proof of Handgun Competency” as part of the VA Concealed Handgun Permit application process, and a certificate of attendance will be provided to attendees. Pre-registration is required. Go to www.jamescitycountyva.gov/police. Contact Master Officer Alan McDowell at 757-603-6026 with any questions about the course and Stephanie Williams at 757-259-5173 with any problems with registration. Classes are held at the Law Enforcement Center, 4600 Opportunity Way.

UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, Nov. 26– 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6– 6:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17.- 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Stuff the Cruiser Thanksgiving Food Drive

The annual Stuff the Cruiser Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held on Nov 12th at Walmart Neighborhood Market at 4670 Casey Boulevard from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. Please stop by and make a food donation. Donations received will help provide Thanksgiving meals for those in need locally.



6th Annual Shop with a Cop Program



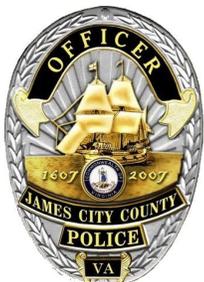
The James City County Police Department will be holding their 6th Annual Shop with a Cop event in Dec. The event is held to create better relations between Officers and local children and to assist their families during the stressful holiday season. Each participating officer is paired up with a child between the ages of 6 and 14. Each child receives a gift card and allowed to go shopping with the Officer. When the shopping is done the children are then treated to a free lunch.

The department holds Shred-a-thon events where we help the public fight identity theft by providing a shredding truck for their documents. The money raised at this event funds the Department’s various community policing programs and events. The Department also accepts donations to help fund programs. For more information regarding Shred-a-thons, contact Officer Jamie Lilley at 757-603-6027.



With the holiday season fast approaching, many people will become preoccupied with planning and shopping. Unfortunately, the safety precautions we normally take are sometimes forgotten due to the excitement of the season. The Police Department wants this to be a SAFE Holiday season for all and we want to remind you of some Holiday Safety Tips!

- * Stay alert to your surroundings. Criminals often target people who appear distracted.
- * Carry only the credit cards and identification you need and document credit card information and store in a safe place in case you need to file a police report later.
- * Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- * Have your keys in hand ready to use before walking to your vehicle.
- * Store ALL valuables out of sight in your vehicle. Do this BEFORE going shopping as potential criminals may be watching where you store items.
- * ALWAYS lock your vehicle!!
- * Park in a well lit area if you will be shopping after dark.
- * Only carry bags you can comfortably handle while still managing to have control of your keys and maintain proper vigilance while walking to your vehicle.
- * Utilize James City County Police Department’s **HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM**. It’s completely free. Officers will check on your home while you are out of town to ensure it is secure. You can set up a house check for your home by calling 757-253-1800.
- * If you are having packages shipped to your home, request that the shipping company leaves them at your back door or someplace out of site so they are not easily stolen.
- * Break down boxes from expensive gifts before putting trash out at the curb.



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