




# COMMUNITY DISPATCH

December 2022



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



**Theft from Motor Vehicles**

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle and **lock** your vehicle at all times!

**Thefts of Packages**

Make sure you or someone is home to receive packages or ask a trusted neighbor. Another option is changing the delivery day or location, such as store pickup.

**Burglary Prevention**

Do not leave your empty boxes, such as a new TV box, outside for trash pickup.

**If you see something, say something.  
Do not assume someone else will!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 10th, 2023**

**7:00pm**

**(NEW DATE)**

**Citizens Advisory Council Meeting**

American Legion  
6330 Crain Hwy,  
Lapata MD 20646

R.S.V.P to Gus Proctor by  
January 9th, 2023



## Santa Sighting

**BE ON THE LOOK-OUT.** This December members from the Community Relations Unit will be driving through neighborhoods conducting patrol checks with a special guest!

**SANTA** will be making an appearance with the help of his Charles County Sheriff's Office elves to spread holiday cheer and safety tips! If you see Santa make sure you stop and say hello, he will be handing out candy canes and goodie bags to the kids!

## November Community Events

We love taking part in community events, and we love when our communities invite us out! Our goal is to bridge the gap between the community and Law Enforcement. If your community is putting together an event this Holiday season and you would like one of our Community Policing Officers/Community Relation Officers to attend, please contact Gus Proctor at [proctora@ccso.us](mailto:proctora@ccso.us) / 301-932-3080

Special thanks to Pinefield, Benedict and the Town of La Plata for allowing us to join your community in events last month!







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On November 22, 2022 The Charles County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit and Traffic Operations spent the day conducting traffic enforcement within the communities.

The driver of the vehicles stopped were provided a holiday card which had driving safety information on one side and on the other side crime solver information. 56 holiday safety cards were given out.

Traffic Enforcement was conducted in the following areas: Hampshire, McDaniel RD, Lancaster, Bannister, Huntington , Carrington, Bensville RD, Marshall's Corner RD, Pomfret Road and St. Matthews Drive. A total of 61 traffic stops were conducted. 17 citations , 72 warnings, and a civil citation was issued through this joint operation. We appreciate the communities support and encourage everyone to continue driving safe throughout this busy holiday season!



## A Special Holiday Message from Traffic Operations SGT Juan Morales #520:



With the holidays approaching, the roadways in our community will be at some of their busiest times. In order to reach your destination safely the Charles County Sheriff's Office Traffic Operations Unit has a few reminders:

- Buckle Up and Arrive Alive
- Put the phone down and use the hands-free function to prevent driving distracted
- Leave early to prevent speeding to your destination, speeding is a leading cause of motor vehicle crashes in Charles County
- Don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs (illicit or prescription), driver impairment contributes to half of the motor vehicle fatalities in Charles County

Help keep the roadways in our community safe, by doing your part to set yourself and the other members of our community up for success.

As always if you have any traffic complaints, please send them to [Trafficoperations@ccso.us](mailto:Trafficoperations@ccso.us)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Charles County Correctional Officers Association is hosting its annual Christmas Toy Connection to benefit the Charles County Children's Aid Society, which they've been participating in since 2008. Currently there are 680 families signed up and 2040 kids within Charles County that will be receiving presents this year through this amazing program.

If you would like to participate; collection boxes are located at the CCSO Headquarters, the Waldorf and La Plata District Stations, the Charles County Detention Center lobby, and the Charles County Circuit Court. We will be taking donations of new, unopened toys until December 12. As always, thank you for your support!



**TRAFFIC COMPLAINT LINE: 301-932-3062 or [trafficoperations@ccso.us](mailto:trafficoperations@ccso.us)**



### Questions, comments, complaints?

Please contact our Civilian Community Coordinator  
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