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Region Two Newsletter

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Richland County Sheriff Foundation invites you to join the Annual "Leon Lott Golf Classic" At an ALL NEW VENUE

The Richland County Sheriff's Foundation (RCSF) invites you to the Columbia Country Club, 135 Columbia Club Drive, Blythewood, 29016 on Monday, September 18, 2017 to participate in the Annual Leon Lott Golf Classic; registration begins at 8:00am with a 10:00am shotgun start. Lunch will be served during play and dinner with a live auction immediately following.

The Richland County Sheriff's Foundation (RCSF) is a group of citizens who volunteer their time, their talents, and their resources for the betterment of the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Foundation's primary objective is to equip deputies with the tools necessary to perform their duties safely, and enable them to provide effective and efficient protection to Richland County Citizens and visitors. Foundation members understand that in these financially difficult times, agency budgets are being trimmed and only the most basic law enforcement functions are being funded.

Since 1995, Foundation members have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. These funds have been used to buy life-saving equipment such as bullet-proof vests and walkie-talkies, proactive enforcement programs like the Bike Patrol, and community policing initiatives like the "Kid Print" program. Additionally, RCSF funds are used to assist families of deputies killed in the line-of-duty, and deputies who are experiencing hardships due to illness or injury.

To register please visit www.rcsfsc.com or call Joni James, RCSF President at (803) 429-6659 for more information. The annual Richland County Sheriff's Foundation Leon Lott Golf Tournament is RCSF's premier fundraising event.

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life for ALL citizens. Through passion and commitment, we will maintain a high standard of professional accountability and will reduce the fear of crime and the fear of retaliation by the criminal element.

The mission will be accomplished by building unity between the Sheriff's Department and the community; joining our high standards of excellence with our vision for safer communities. Everyone will employ effective community policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, all supported by aggressive enforcement of federal, state and local laws

Region 2 Command Staff



Capt. Soto



Lt. Duke

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Anyone with information on the identity of those responsible is asked to call, email or text your anonymous tip to:

crimestoppers
1-888-CRIME-SC
www.sccrimestoppers.com

Text "TIPSC plus your message" to CRIMES (274637)

A Message from Captain Soto



Seventh Annual Guardians of the Night K9 5K Run/Walk! Food, Fun, Displays, Demonstrations and a Race

Sheriff Leon Lott is encouraging the community to participate in the 7th Annual Guardians of the Night K-9 5K. It's a race that benefits the Richland County Sheriff's Foundation specifically the K-9 unit. Join us on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 10:30 PM at the Village at Sandhill. The race will begin at the Plex, 741 Fashion Drive and end at the Fountain in the Town Center Commons.

Sheriff Leon Lott stated that this annual 5K race is an opportunity for members of our community to come out interact, run and fellowship with our K-9 officers in a different setting than official capacity. We will have members of our K-9 participating in the run with their assigned K-9 which makes this a unique race. After the race our K-9 unit will be on hand for interaction during the award ceremony. This race is always fun and fast and since our first race it has more than doubled in size, I really think that is a great thing when The Richland County Sheriff's Department and the community can partner together on things like this and everyone that participates has a great time and it is for a great cause.

"Guardian's of the Night" K9 5K Run/Walk is a certified race course and chip timing will be used for scoring. The "Guardian's of the Night K9-5K" Run/Walk is being professionally managed by Strictly Running of Columbia, and is being organized by the Richland County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. The entry fee is \$25.00; all proceeds benefit the Richland County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. To register, you visit strictlyrunning.com or contact Lt. Kevin Hoover at 803-309-9413 / khoover@rcsd.net for more information.

Sheriff Leon Lott is excited about the partnership with the Village at Sandhill and our Citizens for the **7th Annual Guardians of the Night K-9 5K** on July 29, 2017. The Sheriff stated that The Village at Sandhill, is a corporate community partner that is tremendously important to improving our over all quality of life and safety. The Guardians of the Night K-9 5K, on July 29th at the Village, will demonstrate the cooperation between Richland County Sheriff's Department and the Village at Sandhill in improving our community."

For more information please contact Lt. Kevin Hoover at (803) 309-9413

Important Numbers

911: Emergencies and crimes in progress

252-2911: Non Emergency dispatch number

576-3000: Sheriff's Department.

576-3444: Region 2

929-6000: Reporting non-criminal issues, such as, street signs, drainage overgrown property, etc. Ombudsman's Office

551-1149 Traffic Enforcement

576-3115 Victim Services

576-3151: Civil Process

576-1864 Code Enforcement

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AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Sheriff Leon Lott states that staying safe should be a priority for everyone. However, busy schedules, time constraints and routines often result in us providing criminals opportunities to make us victims. We would like to give you tips that can help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when it comes to your vehicle. By taking a few simple precautions, you can discourage criminals and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

- 1. Keep your car visible**
Park in well-lit areas, near people or with a parking lot or garage attendant on duty. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.
- 2. Don't make it easy**
Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
- 3. Activate your alarm.**
Don't have one? Factory installed and theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break in thief who likes to work in silence.
- 4. Hide your valuables**
Many smash and grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight— wither with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.
- 5. Hide your valuables 2**
If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.
- 6. Don't hand a thief your keys**
Take your keys with you. And if think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, a car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.
- 7. Stow your stuff before arrival**
Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.
- 8. Stash the evidence, too**
After you've put y our stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.
- 9. Trust your instincts**
If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, tell the attendant or report your suspicions to police. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break in or worse
- 10. Take it one more step**
Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would be thief from breaking in and trying.

The aftermath of a car break-in can be expensive, both in repair costs and replacement of your valuables, as well as making you feel vulnerable. Help protect yourself with a good auto insurance

Have you had Richland County Sheriff's Department out to your house or business to conduce a FEEE 20 minute security analysis be calling 576-3033

Deputy Spotlight

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Birthplace: Sumter, South Carolina

How long with RCSD: 4 months

Favorite saying or quote: .He who says he can, and he who says he cant ,are both usually right.

In my spare time I like to: Workout and do Photography

If I could have any job in the world: Celebrity Photographer or Sports Photographer

When I need a lift I like to: Box

My favorite TV show: Breaking Bad

The best advice I ever got: Do not quit

Education: Benedict College

Before RCSD: I worked at the Benedict College Police Department

Favorite Food: BBQ Cheeseburger

COMMUNITY

May 2017 Community Meetings

Community	Meeting Location	Date	Time
Melrose Park	1500 Fairview Drive	07/10/2017	7:00p
Greengate Board Meeting	Pool Hall	07/11/2017	6:00p
Trenholm Acres	Trenholm Acres Community Center	07/11/2017	6:30p
Wellesley Place Condos	3630 Ranch Road	07/11/2017	2:00p
Christopher Towers	805 Devine Street	07/12/2017	6:00p
Belvedere Community	Burton Pack Elem. School	07/13/2017	6:00p
Woodfield Park HOA	Woodfield Park Baptist Church	07/13/2017	6:30p
Forest Acres Neighborhood Association	Good Shepard Lutheran Church	07/18/2017	7:00p
Wyndham Point	80 Brighton Hill	07/19/2017	6:00p
Pinehurst	Pinehurst Rec Center	07/20/2017	7:00p
Lionsgate Pt 1/2	Pool Hall	07/26/2017	5:30p
Newcastle Community	Newcastle Community Center	07/27/2017	6:30p

