



**RICHLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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Region Four Newsletter

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Message From The Sheriff

November is National Veterans Month and November 11th marks the 100th anniversary of our state and federally recognized Veterans Day. I want to thank all of RCSD's military veterans – both retired and former U.S. military veterans as well as those still serving in the National Guard and Reserve components – for their extraordinary service to our country. I wish you all a happy Veterans Month and Day. Those thanks and well-wishes I also extend to the men and women who have so ably served our state through the S.C. State Guard, a key component of the S.C. Military Department, which has proven itself time and again in the wake of the disastrous storms plaguing our state in recent years. I am honored to officially assume command of the SCSG on December 1st.

Crime prevention works if everyone takes time to get into the practice of doing it. In the past months, we have been stressing the importance of taking the time to make sure your vehicles are locked at all times when they are left unattended. This rule of thumb is critical, especially around the holiday season. As we travel to visit with family and friends or even have our loved ones come stay in our hometown for the holidays, we must always be vigilant in making sure that our vehicles are locked and our personal items are removed from our vehicles, especially weapons. Leaving personal items in your vehicle in plain view or leaving your vehicles unlocked is providing criminals with a way to victimize you.

Our Public Information Office sets up reminders on Twitter for members of our community to do their 9:00pm routine. If you're not on social media, create an alarm on your phone for 9:00pm that says 'lock up!' Be diligent in bringing your valuables inside, locking your vehicles and your home each night. If you practice this routine eventually it'll become a habit...one that will help prevent you from being a victim and help to make our community safe.

November is a time for giving thanks. We are all so busy managing work, family and friends, but we have to remember to stop, take time to slow down and give thanks for everything we have, big or small. I am thankful for my RCSD family and the community we serve.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events:

The whole month of November, RCSD will be collecting non-perishable items/canned goods, at their regional substations and our main headquarters at 5623 Two Notch Road for Harvest Hope Food Bank. Please stop in and drop off your items to help a family in need this holiday season.

Thanksgiving- November 22

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

"It is our mission, as trusted public servants, to prevent crime and the fear of crime by providing excellence in law enforcement services, accountability and connections with our communities."

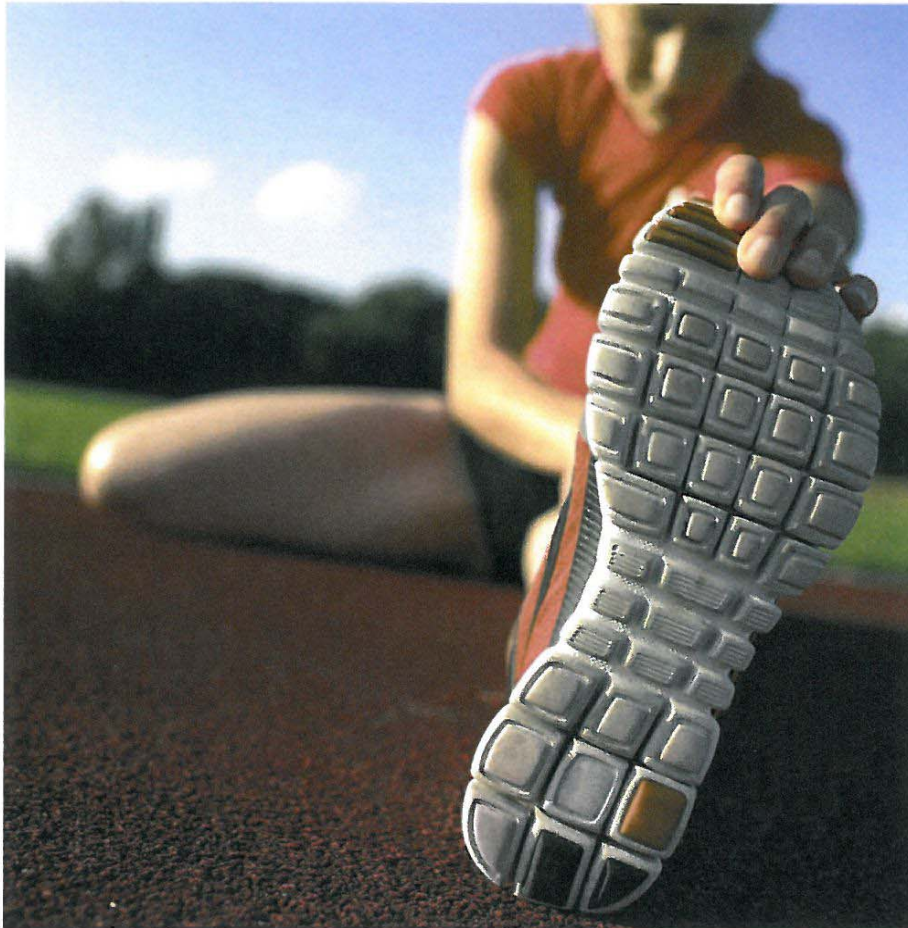


Capt. Odom

Lt. Zalewska

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DIABETES: FOOD, FITNESS & FEET

Wednesday November 14, 2018 11am-2pm
(lunch included)

Pine Grove Community Center
937 Piney Woods Rd. Columbia, SC 29210



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IF YOU HAVE
DIABETES

IF YOU HAVE PRE-
DIABETES

IF YOU HAVE A
FAMILY HISTORY OF
DIABETES

IF YOU THINK YOU
HAVE DIABETES

IF YOU JUST KNOW
SOMEONE WHO HAS
DIABETES

COME TO THIS
SEMINAR-BRING
YOUR QUESTIONS

RSVP REQUIRED

No later than Nov 8

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Sexual Assault Safety Tips

Sexual Assault is to describe rape or other unwanted sexual act perpetrated against one person by another person. The assailant may be a stranger but more often is already known to the victim.

Sexual Assault is a criminal offence; the victim should report the crime to the police and can press charges.

General Safety

- **The assailant is looking for an individual who appears vulnerable (inattentive to surroundings, daydreaming, frightened, unsure of themselves).**
- **Keep alert and walk with a purpose/ confidence.**
- **Should your vehicle be disabled, it is best not to accept help from a stranger. Call for help.**
- **If possible, avoid going out alone.**

Important Numbers

911: Emergencies and crimes in progress

252-2911: Non Emergency dispatch number

576-3000: Sheriff's Department.

576-3200: Alvin S. Glen Detention Center

929-6000: Reporting non-criminal issues, Ombudsman's Office

576-3115: Victim Services

576-3151: Civil Process

576-1864: Code Enforcement

What should businesses do to avoid counterfeit money transactions?

- Properly train employees on how to spot, feel, and visually inspect money.
- Offer a black light system or pen system in which the employees can check the money.
- Implement a policy and procedure for employees to follow on how to report counterfeit money.
- Offer training to keep employees up to date on the latest counterfeiting trends.

For more safety tips please contact the Richland County Sheriff's Department Community Action Team at (803) 576-3191 or log on at www.rcsd.net and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialRCSDPage>



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Padre's Ponderings



“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Does an orange tree get to choose where it will be planted? No. Does the orange tree have any input as to the environment it is placed? No. Does the orange tree get to choose what other trees will be in the orchard? No.

The purpose of the orange tree is deceptively simple.....to grow! Wherever it is planted; whatever is around; whatever the environment.....the only purpose of the orange tree is to grow! “What about the fruit?” The fruit is NOT the primary purpose of the orange tree! The fruit is merely a gift which resulted from the orange tree fulfilling its primary function.

Shouldn't we be more like the orange tree? Our primary purpose is to grow where we find ourselves planted.

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Region Four

Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Lakeside Apts	Nov 1	3:00	Community Room
Ballentine Civic	Nov 5	6:30	Ballentine Park
St. Johns' Place	Nov 6	6:00	Clubhouse
Audubon Oaks	Nov 8	6:45	1200 Dutch Fork Rd
Pine Valley	Nov 19	6:30	1701 Westchester Dr
Lexington Green	Nov 21	6:30	Club House
Ascot	Nov 26	7:00	1104 Steeple Ridge Rd

Crimestoppers

1-888-CRIME-SC www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

Text: **TIPSC** & your message to **CRIMES (274637)**



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Department Profile

We're Online

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