



Region Four Newsletter

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Message From The Sheriff

I have a challenge for parents for the month of February: speak to your children about dating violence.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a serious issue that affects more than a million of our high school students nationwide. It's hard to envision children being harmed by their teen partners, but an estimated 10 percent of high school students have reported being subjected to physical violence (such as being hit, slammed into something or hit with something) by the person they're dating or had recently dated, according to a recent national study.

But dating violence can be more than just physical violence. It could involve coercing a partner into being sexually intimate. That same study found that of the students who had dated in the prior year, nearly 11 percent had been forced by someone they had dated to do something sexual they did not want to do.

That's why it's so important to have a conversation with your children that goes beyond the birds and the bees. Speak to them about healthy relationships. Stress the importance of consent. And most importantly, create an environment that will encourage your child to share an incident should one arise.

Have the conversation and break the cycle of abuse by stopping it before it starts.

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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SENIOR SAFETY

If you live alone, publish your name by initials only, in the telephone book.

Have a male voice on answering machine, stating we are not available.

For additional safety tips obtain a copy of

RCSD Home & Personal Safety

AVOID TELEMARKETING FRAUD:

Ask for a toll free number to call them back so you can think about it.

Do not get pressured - stay strong.

Do not give them any information

- to include credit card, checking account,
driver's license or social security number.

Do not assume a friendly voice belongs to a friend.

If you are interested in what they are selling
have them send you information and forms.

Do not make on the spot, quick decisions.

Have the caller give you their information, address and phone number
and then verify who they are through the

Better Business Bureau or South Carolina Advocates Office
or National Fraud Center @ 1-800-876-7060.

Do not be intimidated by sales people; you have rights.

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



I posted on Facebook how, as a Chaplain, I felt like Father Mulcahy from M*A*S*H who did his best to encourage those around him. He worked with highly dedicated people who were driven. These same people played hard, laughed hard, worked as a team, and could become jaded, cynical and calloused because of all they had to deal with.

The Sheriff's Department Chaplain Program has over 30 Chaplains who are ready to help in any way we can. These are some of the most amazing folks with a LOT of life experience, and can walk with you through whatever you are facing. The Chaplains are here for YOU and we welcome any opportunity to get to know you and you get to know us.

Those who know me personally, know that I am rather unorthodox in many ways. I am not a Bible-thumper by any stretch of the imagination. That's one of the things that I liked about Father Mulcahy, he was a bit unorthodox as well. You can't invest yourself in people and not be able to identify with them. I have invested the last 11+ years getting to know as many of you as would let me and caring about each of you. Thank you for accepting me, teaching me, helping me understand, and letting me tag along with you.

I haven't gone so far as to wear a clerical collar all the time, but I have considered adopting the black turtle neck shirts of Father Mulcahy. Perhaps even the battered had as well. Hmmmm..... I'll leave you with a single verse: "But encourage each other every day while it is 'today' so that none of you will become jaded by the things of this world."

Hebrews 3:13

Let's encourage each other!

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Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Ballentine Civic	Feb 4	6:30	Ballentine Park
Courtyard Condos	Feb 5	6:00	3609 Juneau Rd A8
Belmont Estates	Feb 5	7:00	1003 Statler Rd
Lakeside Apts	Feb 7	3:00	Community Room
Dena Banks	Feb 12	3:00	Community Room
Harmon Hill	Feb 13	3:00	Community Room
Woodsedge Apts.	Feb 21	10:00	Community Room
Pine Valley	Feb 25	6:30	Columbia High School
Ascot	Feb 25	7:00	1104 Steeple Ridge Rd
Bonnie Forest	Feb 26	6:30	937 Piney Woods Rd
Lexington Green	Feb 27	6:00	1208 Bush River Rd

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

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



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