



Region Four Newsletter

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Message From The Sheriff

Operation Full Armor was a major four-day sting operation led by Richland County Sheriff's Department – involving multiple local, state and federal agencies - led to the arrest of 18 persons suspected of being child predators here in Richland County. Undercover law enforcement officers created online personas of young girls to correspond with travelers. I hope Operation Full Armor can serve as a sobering reminder to us all that predators aren't coming out of the closet or from under the bed; they're sitting behind a computer grooming victims over the internet. Take this opportunity to speak with your children about the dangers of communicating with people they don't know online. As parent we must remain vigilant to being aware of what our children are doing online and monitor who they are communicating with. If utilized appropriately technology can be a great tool, but unfortunately it's a tool that criminals have learned to exploit. The last thing we want is for our children to fall victim to these monsters. Stay safe!

August Events

August 7- National Night Out

August 11 from 11-3:00 pm
Back to School Basketball Bash
Polo Road Park

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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You Can Prevent Identity Theft & Fraud

To reduce or minimize the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud, there are some basic steps you can take. For starters, just remember the word "SCAM"!

S- Be STINGY about giving out your personal information to others

unless you have a reason to trust them, regardless of where you are.

C- CHECK your financial information regularly, and look for what should be there and what shouldn't.

A- ASK periodically for a copy of your credit report.

M- MAINTAIN careful records of your banking and financial accounts.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF IDENTITY FRAUD?

Act immediately to minimize the damage to your personal funds and financial accounts, as well as your reputation. Also, please visit the Richland County Sheriff's Department website for other tips for crime prevention at www.rcsd.net or for Free crime prevention training call 803-576-3000. In addition, you can file an internet crime complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, visit the IC3 website at www.ic3.gov.

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



Oogway: Oh, Shifu. There is just news. There is no good or bad.

I admit it, I enjoyed watching Kung Fu Panda. There is quite a lot of wisdom in that movie. I liked the quote I posted above because it speaks to our mentality every day. You see, the truth of the quote is simple, we are presented with some news and WE decide how we are going to react to it.

You see, it really doesn't matter what someone says to you that makes a difference. The difference comes in how we REACT to what was said. I was asked once what I would do if someone flipped me off or cussed at me. The answer the board was looking for was "I would not respond at all." Yet in the heat of the moment, that becomes difficult unless we have TRAINED ourselves to not respond. People will say and do things simply to illicit a reaction. How we choose to respond will either encourage them to continue or give them no pleasure whatsoever. Think about that!

Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.

Proverbs 21:23

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Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Lakeside Apts	Aug 2	3:00	Community Room
Pine Valley	Aug 14	6:30	1701 Westchester Dr
Lexington Green	Aug 15	6:30	Club House
Woods Edge Apts	Aug 16	10:00	Community Room
Ascot	Aug 27	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

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