



## Region Four Newsletter

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### Social Media Communications

The Richland County Sheriff's Department has been enhancing the way we communicate both internally and with the public using various social media outlets.

**NIXLE:** We are focused on community policing and this is one way to continue to keep our citizens advised of the things that are happening in their community. This is an essential way to keep citizens embedded in the activities of their Sheriff's Department on a continual basis.

**FACEBOOK:** This is a great way to communicate important messages and information about what we are doing in the community. Just type RCSD in the search engine on facebook.com to find us.

**TWITTER:** With Twitter we have the opportunity to communicate with a mass audience, while providing information such as critical incidents, or new initiatives the Sheriff's Department is involved in – all in an effort to improve the quality of life for our communities and our personnel. Go to twitter.com and type RCSD in the search engine. You can also follow us from your phone by texting RCSD to 40404.

**NEWSVINE:** Is a site where anyone can create an account and then post articles, blogs, pictures, etc. You can also comment on other posts and discuss back and forth whatever the post was about. It's considered more sophisticated than other sites like Facebook and most posts about some relevant issue.

**TWITTER:** This is a social networking site allowing 140 character messages referred to as tweets to be sent out. You can follow anyone who has a Twitter account and vice versa.

We have also created a YOUTUBE.com channel. We are constantly posting informative videos, news stories and any other videos we can share with the public. To view our channel go to youtube.com/RCSDSheriffLeonLott. As always you can search our website www.rcsd.net for helpful tips and departmental information. This is just step one of Sheriff Lott's plan to utilize all forms of social media into effective communication tools both internally and externally.

### 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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# RCSD works to prevent Copper Theft

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott continues to work diligently to eradicate copper theft in our communities. Copper theft has been on the rise throughout South Carolina. As long as increased demand and prices remains high it will be a problem we will have to deal with. This is why it is very important to take steps to safe guard your property as best you can from thieves who leap at every opportunity. Sheriff Lott states some of the ways that we can help remove the opportunity is to:

- \* Install cameras
- \* Post “No Trespassing” signs
- \* Put up fencing or caging up
- \* Locking buildings securely at night
- \* Use florescent paint or engraving to personalize your copper
- \* Possibly consider putting your company’s logo the copper
- \* Use DATA DOTS
- \* Join a Crime Watch Neighborhood Association
- \* Start a Crime Watch Neighborhood Association
- \* Take advantage of the free services from the Richland County Sheriff’s Department Community Action Team

This also aids in identifying materials if they’re stolen and turn up later. Remember, let’s all do what we can to remove the “opportunity”. Sheriff Lott is asking all citizens to help stop the growing problem of copper theft. Churches, businesses, and citizens are all being affected. The Sheriff added that we can start solving this problem by having you the community be our extra eyes and ears to capturing others who may be contributing to this issue Anyone with information about anyone stealing or selling stolen copper should call, email or text your anonymous tip to: Crimestoppers at 1-888-crimesc, or text “TIPSC plus your message” to CRIMES (274637).

## **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](http://www.rcsd.net) and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialRCSDPage>

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# Padre's Ponderings

## **BLAH BLAH BLAH**

If you're like me, then you will most likely only read the first few words of each article and if it doesn't just reach out and grab you then you'll "blah, blah, blah" your way through the rest of it just so you can say you read it. If that's your goal here, congratulations, count yourself as having "blah, blah, blahed" through this...**ON TO THE NEXT ITEM!**

For those who wish to actually **READ** this article, grab some coffee and let's go. Let's start with a question, How do you know when you've done a good job?

A note, word, some other acknowledgement from your supervisor?

A certificate, plaque, trophy or other trinket from the Boss?

A cash gift, gift certificate, a Promotion?

Let me ask you another question, if I might make so bold: If you are waiting for your supervisors to recognize you for some achievement, when was the last time you acknowledged your supervisors contributions?

My point is this, if we wait for someone else to commend us for doing a job well, chances are we could be waiting for a long time. However, if we take the initiative and compliment others then we are the true heroes. Let's face it, would you rather receive a compliment from someone who sits behind a desk but has no clue what you do, or would you rather hear it from a coworker who knows what you do and is impressed by the way you have performed?

I worked for a company several years ago where the employees were in charge of morale (within reason). There was a system of commendations ranging from a company pocket knife to a cruise for two. Each January 1<sup>st</sup> the commendations were zeroed out and each employee began again. Were there some who abused the system, of course, and they received rewards they did not earn. However, most of the employees took this system very seriously and used it to encourage those around them. They also used it to reward those who thought no one saw the positive acts.

*You must encourage each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God – Hebrew 3:13*

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## Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Courtyard Condos	June 5	6:00	3609 Juneau Rd A-8
Harbison Security	June 7	12:00	Harbison Rec Center
Lakeside Apts	June 7	3:00	Community Room
Riverview Terrace	June 11	6:30	EE Taylor Elementary
Pine Valley	June 12	6:30	Columbia High Drama Rm
Elm Abode	June 14	6:00	1500 Broad River Rd
Lexington Green	June 20	6:30	Club House
Woods Edge	June 21	10:00	Community Room
Bonnie Forest	June 25	6:30	937 Piney Woods Rd
Ascot	June 25	7:00	1104 Steeple Ridge

### Crimestoppers

**1-888-CRIME-SC** [www.midlandscrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandscrimestoppers.com)

Text: TIPSC & your message to CRIMES (274637)



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