



## Region Four Newsletter

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### Richland County Sheriff's Department gets R.E.A.D.Y.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott is proud to announce that R.E.A.D.Y. Program (Richland County, Educating AND Deterring, Youth) are always gearing up for another session. The program director is a former School Resource Officer, Senior Deputy Terrance Acox. Sheriff Leon Lott implemented the R.E.A.D.Y. Program in 2008 for troubled students to have an overnight stay inside of a jail cell, along with character building exercises, to help give them a reality check on how life will be if they continue down the wrong path.

Sheriff Leon Lott states that Terrance has been with the department as a School Resource Officer for about 8 years and has done a tremendous job at not only keeping students' safe, but at educating and mentoring them as well. In fact, Acox earned the Midlands and State School Resource Officer of the Year Awards in 2013, which is a tremendous accomplishment. Terrance was assigned to Lower Richland High School which contains approximately 1300-1400 students that he was responsible for throughout the year. In addition, during his time at Lower Richland High School the number of charges for students decreased every single year; proving that he is capable of having a positive effect among youth.

Sheriff Leon Lott states that Terrance's work ethic didn't stop at Lower Richland, as he was already an active participant in the Richland County Sheriff's Department R.E.A.D.Y. Program for the past four years. Terrance states that he is excited to now be program director for the R.E.A.D.Y. Program and is excited, confident, and prepared to take on his new role. As program director, Terrance will be in charge of organizing the program dates, arranging for deputies to assist, working with parents, and following up with students through home and school visits. Terrance adds that given how successful the program has been thus far, he does not plan on making any major changes. However, he does have a goal to create a file on each young adult who has gone through the program, as well as for any future participants in order to keep an official track of the effectiveness of the program.

### 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).

### 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.

### **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

For more holiday 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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## Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Courtyard Condos	May 1	6:00	3609 Juneau Rd Unit F-74
Belmont Estates	May 1	6:00	Oceanview Restaurant
Ballentine Civic Assoc	May 1	6:30	Ballentine Park
Lakeside Apts	May 4	3:00	Community Room
Riverview Terrace	May 8	6:30	E.E. Taylor Elementary
Hunters Ridge	May 8	7:00	1079 Springhouse Dr (Office)
Piney Valley	May 15	6:30	Columbia High Auditorium
Harmon Hill	May 16	3:00	1 Meadowland Ct
Lexington Green	May 16	7:00	1208 Bush River Rd
Dena Banks	May 17	3:00	744 Zimalcrest Dr
Woods Edge	May 18	10:00	Community Room
Ascot	May 22	7:00	1104 Steeple Ridge Rd
Bonnie Forest	May 23	6:30	937 Piney Woods Rd
Arbor Oaks	May 27	11:30	5 Arbor Oaks Ct
Cherokee Garden	May 28	5:00	288 Chippewa

### Crimestoppers

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

Text: TIPSC & your message to CRIMES (274637)



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