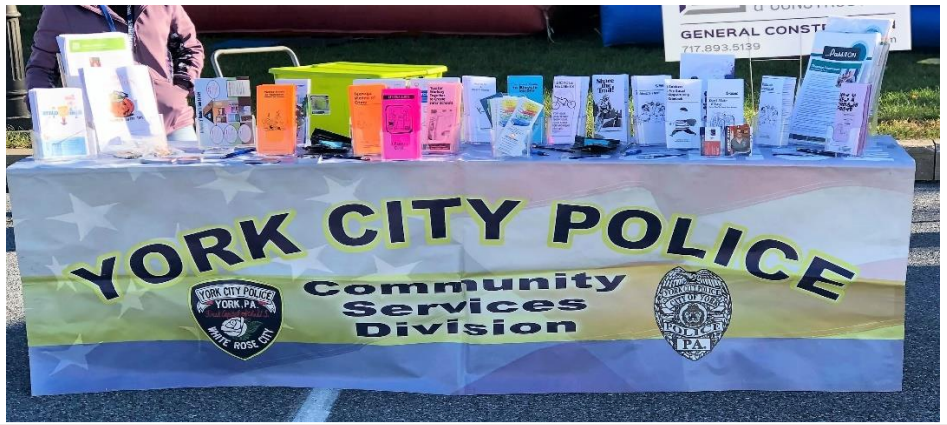


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How to Report an Anonymous Tip

There are several ways to report an anonymous tip to the York City Police Department.

You may report a crime or a tip through the new CRIMEWATCH App or www.yorkcitypolice.com

Call York County Crime Stoppers at 755TIPS

York City Police Tip Line 717-849-2204

York City Police Department at 717-846-1234 or 717-849-2219

Call 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency

York City Police Department Community Services Division

Happy November everyone! The cold weather and Holidays are quickly approaching us. The Community Services Division has been busy with events, neighborhood meetings, and school visits. As always we are available to the public for these sort of events as well as different Crime Prevention trainings that our office offers. If you would like more information please contact us at 717-812-8383 and we would be glad to see how we may assist you.

You may also reach any of us at:
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York City Police Department would like to remind York City Residents to be extra cautious with vehicles now that the winter months are approaching. Please avoid leaving cars running, unlocked, and unattended. Under the PA Vehicle Code (75 P. C.S.A.) Chapter 37, Section 3701 (a) (b) it is illegal to leave a running vehicle unattended and a citation can be issued for such an offense.

***Cars left running and unattended can be easily stolen.
Below are some tips for making you and your vehicle less vulnerable to crime.***

Vehicle Theft Prevention

Many auto thefts are crimes of "opportunity". Leaving the keys in your car (even a "hidden" spare key) greatly increases your chances of having your car stolen.

Take your keys with you even for quick trips. More than two thirds of all auto thefts occur at night.

- Approximately 86% of the stolen vehicles are recovered
- Most auto thefts are committed by criminals looking for temporary transportation. Thus, most vehicles are recovered within a few weeks to a month and with relatively little damage. Very few vehicles are stolen for parts.
- Auto theft happens fast. An expert auto thief can break into and steal a car in less than a minute. An unoccupied car, with its engine running, can be taken in seconds.

What attracts a car thief?

- Leaving your car unlocked or the windows down.
- Leaving your keys in the car or a spare key hidden in the car.
- Leaving your car unattended.
- Parking in poorly lit places with low visibility.
- Leaving valuables and packages in your car.
- Cars not protected with an anti-theft device.

How to protect your car

- Don't leave your keys in your car.
- Close your windows and lock your doors whenever you leave your car, regardless of how long you plan to be gone.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Keep your car in a garage if you have one.
- Park in lots that have attendants.
- Do not leave your car unattended to warm up or cool down.
- Use an anti-theft device whenever you leave your car .
- When parking your car, turn your wheels toward the curb to make it more difficult for a thief to "tow" your car.
- Use your emergency brake when you park.
- Replace "T-shaped" door locks with straight locks so thieves cannot grab them with an implement through a crack in the window.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity to the police (for a non-emergency contact 717.846.1234).



November Safety Tips

Did you know that Thanksgiving Eve is the biggest night for drunk driving?

FACT: An estimated 32% of fatal car crashes involve an intoxicated driver or pedestrian. (NHTSA)

FACT: 3,952 fatally injured drivers tested positive for drug involvement. (FARS)

FACT: Over 1.2 million drivers were arrested in 2011 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. (FBI)

FACT: Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and about a quarter of those crashes involve an underage drinking driver. (SAMHSA)

FACT: On average, two in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime. (NHTSA)

Drinking and driving does not only affect the driver, it also puts others around them at risk. Please drink responsibly this holiday season. Make sure you have a safe way of getting home. You can have a friend be the DD, call an UBER or Lyft to get you home safely.

We all know Thanksgiving is a day full of food, cooking, and family. It is also a very busy day for firefighters due to kitchen fires. In 2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,760 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.

Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

Here are a few tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Safety tips for buying and selling items online.



When buying or selling items online through pages such as Craigslist, Let Go, and Offer Up, there are risks. Here is a list of safety tips to follow to protect yourself and your property:

1. Always meet in a public place. A place that is well lit and has security cameras is ideal. Most police departments will allow you to meet in the lobby for such things.
2. Do not give out any banking information to anyone.
3. Never go alone. Take a trusted friend or two with you.
4. Keep an eye out for scammers. If something sounds too good to be true, then it is probably a scam.
5. Check the buyer/seller's profile and trust your gut.
6. Do not give out personal information such as an address or phone number to anyone.

A list of good places to meet:

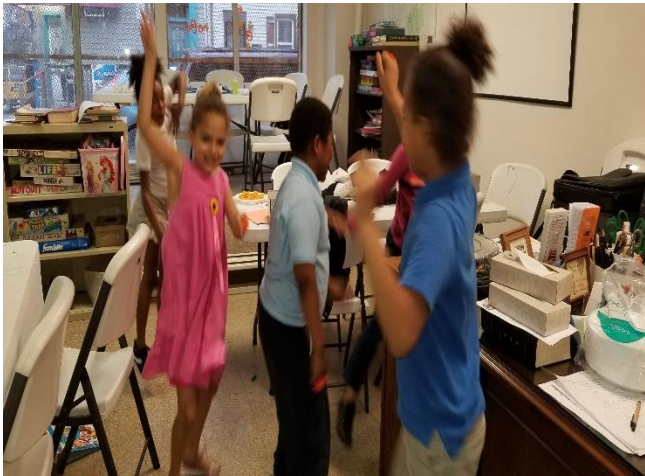
A busy park
Mall
Police Station
Bank

Resource Center's News



Wellington Center

Ms. Jerri and the neighbors at Wellington put on a Halloween Bash for the kids. The kids were able to paint pumpkins, have pizza and get some goodies! What a great turn out for this event!



Duke & Maple Center

Ms. Brenda had a Halloween Bash! The kids enjoyed snacks and goodies as well as dancing to The Monster Mash! Ms. Brenda's new center at Duke & Maple just Opened on October 12th. Please feel free to stop in and see her if you are in the area!

Salem Square Library Center

We would like to share that Ms. Keara is no longer located at the Salem Square Library. She has found a new position within the Police Department and we are all so happy for her! Ms. Keara had a huge impact on the families in the Salem Square neighborhood and a strong bond with many of the children. We are grateful for the work she has done at that center and we wish her the very best in her new position! We will keep everyone posted on the status of that location as far as a resource coordinator for the York City Police Department!

Community and Cops 5K

Member of the York City Police Departments Community Services Division along with Officers, attended the Community and Cops 5K event at Logos Academy. Officers cheered on runners, flipped pancakes, manned the bounce houses, and mingled with the crowd. The Community Services Division had a table set up with crime prevention materials for the public as well as a few goodies for the kids!



St. Matt's Trunk or Treat

Officers attended the Trunk or Treat event at St. Matt's Church! The officers enjoy being able to take a break from all of the seriousness and hang out with the kids!





Coffee WITH A Cop

*Building relationships, one cup at a time.
Join your neighbors and York City police officers for
coffee and conversation!*

Date:
November 26,
2019

Time:
5:00pm-
7:00pm

Location:
455 S. Duke Street
York, Pa



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