

CITIZENS AUXILIARY ADVISORY SHERIFF'S MEETING

COMBINED MEETINGS AT SPENCER LAKE BAR / GRILL AND BURGER CLAIM RESTAURANT

Dates: May 4th and 11th, 2023

Guest Speaker: Deputy Matt Colbenson. Pioneer School Research Officer.

Main subjects for the meeting, Scams and Fraud. Object of scams is to acquire information and money from contacts. Scammers are looking for subjects to respond to their contact. Always look at the return address to match us with who they say they are. If there is a response by you, then they know they have contacted a REAL person. Delete, Delete, Delete, DO NOT OPEN. Some baits are: "your account has been cancelled, fake Amazon Orders, tracking package information." NEVER give anyone an Amazon Account Number. All collected information from those who do innocently respond is sold on the Black Market. A new sophisticated scam is voice cloning. If able to get a target to talk on the phone, they will then search for your computer contacts and pretend that they are you and ask for financial help. He suggested that a code word is mandatory to establish for personal contacts. Gift Card fraud especially around holidays asking for a target to pickup a card or more because too busy, sick, unable to leave house, etc. to do it themselves. Do not fall for that without contacting the impersonated person first for validation.

Best log-in is one Capitalized Letter, a hash tag like #, _ , ? , and numbers for best security. Criminals know how to protect themselves, obviously. They are proficient at opening fake accounts with fake ID. He suggested that all three agencies, like Experian, be contacted for review of your free credit report. He also suggested freezing all associated accounts and unfreeze when large purchases are needed.

Unfortunately, even Sheriff Spurling has been spoofed by cloning him regarding a DUI situation. It CAN happen to anyone!!

The huge fire at HWY 3 and Anthony Road was discussed. The Sheriff was in Olympia at the time and saw the smoke clear down there. Since HWY 3 was totally shut down, he was stalled in Olympia until late evening and could not return home. It was a 3alarm fire.

There were 6 shootings in Shelton. 2 outside city, 4 in a "Rotating Situation", some gang related.

Still searching for a permanent Public Defender. Currently contracting for coverage.

Always call the Sheriff's Office if you become a victim of fraud. 18 cases of Title Fraud in Grace Harbor by an out-of-state source. Keep your computer up to date.