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CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE:

I am happy to report that crime statistics show county wide crime is down. Within the North Precinct specifically, we showed a +1 % increase, which is very impressive given the state of the economy. Thank you to everyone who has had taken the time to phone the police when they observe suspicious person(s) or suspicious activity. You, the general public, make all the difference! With your participation, we are hoping that 2012 will be an even more productive year.

Below are two examples of how County Police Officer's were able to capture several burglars, with the assistance of neighbors calling in suspicious activity.

JOB WELL DONE!!!

On 01/09/2012 Officer Reid Carlson was on patrol in Glasgow Village when he passed a white Ford Thunderbird on Shepley. Shortly after Officer Carlson passed this vehicle, he was dispatched to a call for a burglary that had just occurred; the suspect vehicle was described as a white Thunderbird and was last seen traveling toward Shepley. Officer Carlson realized that he had likely just passed the suspect vehicle so he turned around. Officer Carlson caught up to the vehicle and observed the plates were the same as the one's the witness had given for the suspect vehicle. Officer Carlson pulled the vehicle over, arrested three suspects, and recovered the victim's stolen television, game system, and a stolen firearm. Warrants were issued on two of the three suspects.





County Older Resident Program

With the colder weather upon us, sadly, there is an increase in weather related deaths. Many times, the elderly fall victim to the cold weather. If you are familiar with your neighbors, please pay special attention to the elderly (those 60 years of age and older). If you think an elderly individual may be without heat or may be having difficulties, the St. Louis County Older Residents Program (C.O.R.P) program can assist. C.O.R.P targets the primary needs of older adults; these needs are addressed by a wide variety of programs. Some of the services C.O.R.P provides are:

Transportation

Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to transport older adults to and from medical appointments and other high priority destinations at no charge to the customer. Forty-eight to seventy-two hours lead time is requested in order to allow staff time to arrange the service.

Home Visits and Telephone Reassurance

Volunteers are assigned to make visits or telephone calls to older adults to check on their well being and provide relief from the loneliness that some seniors feel.

Home Care and Repair

C.O.R.P brokers home care and repair services provided by experienced workers who must be approved after a St. Louis County Police record check. Services include referrals for minor home repair jobs and homemaker/chore services.

Legal Assistance

Income eligible seniors may receive legal advice and document preparation from retired attorneys. Wills, Quit Claim Deeds and Powers of Attorney are examples of the type of documents provided. Appointments are required and attorneys cannot litigate.

Tax Preparation

Federal and State returns and schedules are prepared for income eligible seniors. Appointments are required during tax season. Missouri Property Tax Rebate (also known as Circuit Breaker) forms are prepared year round.

Forms Assistance

Assistance with insurance claims forms and information regarding federal, state and local benefits programs is provided free of charge.

CORP Computer Connections

Fee based classes on basic computer skills including Word Processing, Data Base, Spreadsheet and Internet/E-mail. Curriculum may also include digital photography and other areas of interest.

Information and Referral

Trained CORP staff provide information about other community resources available to seniors and make appropriate referrals to the service providers.

Active Aging

Several programs and projects highlight active aging. They include Broadway Fantasies - a song and dance revue highlighting the musical talents of older adults; computer clubs; and special interest clubs.

To access these services or to obtain more information call (314) 615-4516 or TTY (314) 615-4425 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

facebook

The North County Precinct has its own Facebook page as well as a Twitter page. We have established these pages as another way to pass on valuable “real time” information to the citizens of North St. Louis County. We also post a monthly Captain’s Message in addition to photographs of officer’s and current events.

If you are interested in knowing more about the North County Precinct’s upcoming activities and being a part of our friend list, search our Facebook page for us under **StlCounty North Precinct**. If you wish to follow us on Twitter, look for us under **STLCOPDnorthco**.

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How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. The program encourages citizens to secure their own homes and personal property. It also emphasizes the importance of calling the police when you see suspicious activity.

The main principle of the St. Louis County Police Department’s Neighborhood Watch Program is to encourage residents to phone the police and work along side us to make their neighborhood’s safer.

The main components needed for a watch program are: 1) concerned citizens who want to be involved in making their neighborhood safe 2) a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and 3) Block Captains.

A *Neighborhood Watch coordinator* will need to be chosen. The responsibilities of the Watch coordinator within your neighborhood is to: Act as a liaison between residents and the police department, Develop a network of block captain to keep area residents updated on Neighborhood Watch information, Maintain a list of block captains, Provide police department with concerns of area residents, Relay information received from the police department to block captains, Develop and distribute a Neighborhood Watch Newsletter (optional), Organize periodic group meetings to reinforce crime prevention techniques and discuss needs of area, and Call any type of emergency meetings as necessary.

Block Captains typically volunteer and there should be one block captain for every block in your neighborhood. Block Captains responsibilities are: Assist the coordinator as needed, Act as a liaison between assigned residents and the Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Distribute information provided by the Neighborhood Watch coordinator to residents in a timely fashion, and inform the Neighborhood Watch coordinator of any crime-related problems within your area of responsibility.

Neighborhood Policing Officer’s (NPO) is the contact person to help you establish a Neighborhood Watch Program. The N.P.O’s will provide you with crime-related information to facilitate your meetings.

If interested in starting a watch program, contact one of the Neighborhood Policing Officer’s listed on Page 5 of this newsletter and they will help get you started.

North County Town Hall Meetings



Our next Town Hall meeting will be held on **February 9th, 2012**. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you do not miss out. The meeting will be held at the Hazelwood East Early Childhood Center located at 12555 Partridge Run Road. The events for the evening will begin at **6:30 pm** and conclude around **7:30 pm**.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?: This meeting is for any and all concerned citizens of the North County Precinct, subdivision trustees, neighborhood watch groups, and the citizen academy alumni.

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?: The topics of discussion will be a variety of police-related topics that citizens will find educational, beneficial and informative. Various law enforcement and safety topics of interest will be addressed that are designed to build a productive relationship between citizens and the County Police.

GOAL: The goal of the town hall meeting is to allow our residents to have an opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with the police department. Additionally, it allows officers a chance to improve communication with citizens to provide a safer environment for all.



Vehicle Theft Prevention

Each year more than one million vehicles are stolen in the United States; this equates to about one vehicle every 30 seconds. To help ensure that you will not be victimized, utilize the helpful tips listed below to decrease the probability of your vehicle becoming a target.

- **Take valuables out of your vehicle; anything you wouldn't want to do without is considered a valuable. If you don't want to take it inside, at least place it in your trunk so it's not visible to people passing by.**
- **Consider using anti-theft devices such as steering wheel locks, auto alarms and steering column sleeves.**
- **Do not leave valet keys or spare keys in your vehicle. Nearly half of all cars stolen were unattended and had the keys left inside with the vehicle running.**
- **Pay attention to your surrounding and the people around you.**
- **Do NOT leave your vehicle running unattended, even to "warm it up".**
- **Park your vehicle in a well lit area and do not park next to items criminals could hide behind (dumpsters, bigger vehicles, bushes, etc.).**



Neighborhood Alerts, Events & Newsletter

Would you like to be receive notification regarding important information? If you are not part of our e-mail listing, you might be missing out on valuable information.

It's easy to stay informed; just e-mail one of your Neighborhood Policing Officers. Include your name, e-mail address, and the neighborhood where you reside. Should something of importance happen in your neighborhood, we send out a neighborhood alert specific to your area. If you are included in our database, with one simple e-mail we can contact many of our residents and keep you informed. We also send out quarterly newsletters, special bulletins, and crime statistics. You can find our e-mail addresses and phone numbers listed in the Important Phone Numbers below.

Important Phone Numbers



North County Precinct
314-355-1200

General Information
314-615-5000

St. Louis County Dispatch
Non-emergency: 314-889-2341
Emergency: 911

Problem Properties
314-615-7333

Street Repairs/Construction
314-615-8538

Mosquitoes/Rats
314-727-3097

Animal Control
314-831-6500

County Parks an Recreation
314-615-7275

Veterans Services
314-615-4516

County Older Resident Program (CORP)
314-615-4516

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Take a moment to look over our **Residential Inventory & Security Inventory Handbook (R.I.S.E.)** found at [http://www.stlouisco.com/LawandPublicSafety/Police Department/Information/SafetyandInformationalBrochures](http://www.stlouisco.com/LawandPublicSafety/Police%20Department/Information/SafetyandInformationalBrochures).