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Captain's Comments



With the arrival of a new school year, there are many situations children may face. Educating your children about general safety rules can greatly add to their physical and mental well-being. Parents are the most important resource in the educational process, which should begin at home. Please take advantage of any safety programs offered by your school district.

The St. Louis County Police Department provides the tips in an effort to maintain a safe environment for your children during the school year. For more information on Back to school Safety Tips, please click the below link.

http://www.stlouisco.com/police/PDFDIR/Brochures/School_Safety.pdf

Captain Troy Doyle

North County Precinct Proclamation

Serious Crime in unincorporated St. Louis County has decreased dramatically to its lowest level in the past 38 years, and the Department's 1st Precinct, with it's well over 100 officers, contributed to this overall decrease and in just the past year, cut serious crime in the Precinct by 13.9 percent.

The St. Louis County Police, 1st Precinct exemplifies the finest efforts of the St. Louis County Police Department by more than living up to the standards the residents expect and deserve;

Therefore, Charles Dooley, County Executive of St. Louis County, proclaimed July 21, 2010 as:

"St. Louis County Police 1st Precinct Day"



Burglary Prevention Tips

Is your home really safe once you leave for work or school? Your home is considered a sanctuary where you should feel safe. Your home is the only environment where you have control over who can get close to you or your family. Protecting your home and family from criminal intrusion should be high on your list of priorities.

Home Burglary

By far, the most common threat to our home is burglary. According to the FBI, a burglary occurs somewhere in the United States every 15.4 seconds. By definition, the crime of burglary is a non-confrontational property crime that occurs when we are not at home. However, becoming a burglary victim can leave a family feeling vulnerable and violated. To avoid becoming a burglary victim, it is important to first gain an understanding of who commits them and why.

The majority of home and apartment burglaries occur during the daytime when most people are away at work or school. The summer months of July and August have the most burglaries with February having the fewest crimes. Burglaries are committed most often by young males under 25 years of age looking for items that are small, expensive, and can easily be converted to cash. Favorite items are cash, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers, VCRs, video players, CDs and other small electronic devices are high on the list. Quick cash is needed for living expenses and drugs. Statistics tell us that 70% of the burglars use some amount force to enter a dwelling, but their preference is to gain easy access through an open door or window. Ordinary household tools like screwdrivers, channel-lock pliers, small pry bars, and small hammers are most often used by burglars.

Although home burglaries may seem random in occurrence, they actually involve a selection process. The burglar's selection process is simple. Choose an unoccupied home with the easiest access, the greatest amount of cover, and with the best escape routes. What follows is a list of suggestions to minimize your risk by making your home unattractive to potential burglars.

Doors and Locks

- Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism
- Use a heavy-duty, four-screw, strike plate with 3-inch screws to penetrate into a wooden door frame
- Use a wide-angle 160° peephole mounted no higher than 58 inches

Sliding-Glass Patio Doors

- Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors
- Keep the latch mechanism in good condition and properly adjusted
- Keep sliding door rollers in good condition and properly adjusted
- Use anti-lift devices such as through-the-door pins or upper track screws
- Use highly visible alarm decals, beware of dog decals or block watch decal

Windows

- Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices
- Block accessible windows open no more than 6 inches for ventilation
- Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door
- Make sure someone cannot reach inside the window and remove the blocking device
- Use anti-lift devices to prevent window from being lifted out
- Use crime prevention or alarm decals on ground accessible windows

Be a Good Neighbor

- Get to know all your adjacent neighbors
- Invite them into your home and establish trust
- Agree to watch out for each other's home
- Do small tasks for each other to improve territoriality
- While on vacation - pick up newspapers, and flyers
- Offer to occasionally park your car in their driveway
- Return the favor and communicate often

Lighting

- Use interior light timers to establish a pattern of occupancy
- Exterior lighting should allow 100- feet of visibility
- Use good lighting along the pathway and at your door
- Use light timers or photo-cells to turn on/off lights automatically
- Use infra-red motion sensor lights on the rear of single family homes

Alarm Systems

- Alarm systems are effective deterrents with visible signage
- Alarm systems to be properly installed, programmed, and maintained
- Alarm systems need to have an audible horn or bell to be effective
- Make sure your alarm response call list is up to date
- Instruct your neighbor how to respond to an alarm bell

Home Safes

- Use the safe everyday so it becomes routine
- Protect the safe code and change it occasionally
- Install it away from the master bedroom or closet

Operation Identification

- Identify your valuables by engraving your drivers' license number
- Photograph and record the serial numbers of all valuables
- Photocopy the contents of your wallet and other documents
- Store the copies in a safe deposit box or with a relative

Vacation Check Program

- A service offered to St. Louis County residents by the St. Louis County Police Department
- Upon request, an officer will check your residence while you are on vacation



Facebook

Yes, we are on Facebook! The North County Precinct has created a Facebook page. Many people are part of the Facebook community, if you are “friends” or “like” the North County Precinct, you will be able to see any up-coming events or any valuable information being put out by your local Precinct.

Discussion forms have been created, giving citizens the opportunity to discuss issues with the Police Department.

Facebook not your thing? Don't worry, you will still be able to receive this information through your Neighborhood Watch Groups.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Louis-County-MO/St-Louis-County-Police-North-County-Precinct/110823525628821>

North County Town Hall Meetings



We have chosen the date for the next Town Hall meeting will be held on **October 14th, 2010**. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you do not miss out. The meetings will be held at the Hazelwood East Earlier Childhood Center located at 12555 Partridge Run Road. The events for the evening will begin at **6:30 pm** and conclude around **8:00 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.

**Save the date
& make a
difference!**

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COUNTY

www.stlouisco.com

Call St. Louis County's
Customer Service Line for more
information

(314) 615-5000

St. Louis County invites you to join millions of Americans who will be making a difference in their communities on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Make A Difference Day is the largest national day of volunteering. Find out how you can make a difference right here in St. Louis County. Call (314) 615-5000 to volunteer or get more information.

**SATURDAY
10/23/10**

Make A Difference Day

The National Day to Help Others

Sponsored annually
by USA Weekend
Magazine



**USA
WEEKEND**



Jamestown Mall

**Get Involved.
We Need Your Input!**

The Next Step in
Redeveloping
Jamestown Mall
Begins – the
Design Phase!



Save These Dates

St. Louis County is taking the next step toward revitalizing Jamestown Mall. We are creating a redevelopment master plan, along with a study outlining what is economically feasible for the mall site. The goal is to create a plan that will revitalize the current site and North St. Louis County. To do this, we need to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Hands-On Design Session

Thursday, September 9 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Work alongside your community to draw your vision for the Jamestown Mall

Open Design Studio

Friday, September 10 – Sunday, September 12 | 9:00am - 7:00pm

Stop by the studio to talk with the design team and provide input as the plan evolves

Open House

Saturday, September 11 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

View the design team's work-to-date and provide feedback on the plan

Work-in-Progress Presentation

Tuesday, September 14 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

See the work completed during the week

All sessions will be held at:

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley

Student Center Multipurpose Room

3400 Pershall Road

St. Louis, MO 63135



Questions? Call Edgar Velázquez at 314.615.7500 or
email EVelazquez@slcec.com.

Look for updates at www.slcec.com/jamestownmall.html

Neighborhood Alerts, Events & Newsletter

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

It's simple, 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 would 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 section.

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 and Recreation
314-7275

Veterans Services
314-615-4516

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

St. Louis County Council
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