

ST. LOUIS COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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“Roll Call”

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Safe Schools Hotline
314-889-SAFE

Captain's Corner

The men and women of the West County Precinct are committed to providing high quality police services to everyone in our community. We are dedicated to serving our residents and want to ensure that our neighborhoods, schools and businesses are crime free.

However, without the partnership of our citizens, our mission would be very hard to achieve. We rely on our citizens to become involved in our community. We appreciate the participation of our citizens in our programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, the Neighborhood Watch Program and the annual National Night Out event.

Some areas of recent concern are focused on crime reduction and traffic complaints. Thefts from unlocked motor vehicles continue to occur and we have also had some larcenies in which windows on vehicles were shattered in order to gain entry. To prevent these thefts, we recommend nothing of value be in plain view while a vehicle is unattended. We ask our citizens to immediately report any suspicious behavior, such as strange persons loitering in a parking lot or individuals walking in neighborhoods late at night.

To address traffic concerns, officers have been conducting speed enforcement on many of our roadways in order to reduce accidents and achieve compliance with the posted speed limit. We currently have over 25 roadways that are designated as special traffic enforcement sites. We hope our efforts will result in safer roads and a reduction in accidents.



Captain Steve Sack

Citizen of the Month

For the month of August, we would like to recognize the trustees and concerned residents of the Bentley Manor, Bentley Farms, and St. Bernard Hills Subdivisions. Their combined efforts to improve the quality of life in their community have been impressive. The trustees have organized three community wide cleanups and have hosted a wide array of events to include the National Night Out, the Halloween Safety Center and a yearly subdivision picnic. The trustees and residents have demonstrated their concerns and commitment to making their subdivisions a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and partnership of our relationship and thanks for a job well done.

Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch is “looking out for one another”.

All residents in our neighborhoods are encouraged to report suspicious activity at once to the police.

Suspicious activity may include an unfamiliar occupied parked car, a car parked in a neighbors driveway when the residents are known to be at work during that time period or a solicitor going door to door.

Please report any type of activity that is out of the normal to our 24-hour dispatch line, 314-889-2341.

Attempt to give a brief description of the subject or vehicle and last known direction. You can be anonymous, however, it would be helpful if you give your name and a call back number.

Neighborhood Watch participants are also asked to report suspicious behavior wherever it may occur. Recently, thieves have targeted unattended motor vehicles parked in local parks and even church parking lots.

Our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18th. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. and will be held in the meeting room of the precinct. The meeting is open to all residents and the agenda will include a guest speaker.

During the meeting, residents will be briefed on any current crime trends or areas of concern.

Thank you for your participation.

Alert Officer Solves Burglary

While on patrol at 11:43 PM, Officer Huskey observed a suspicious male subject leaving the commuter parking lot on the West Outer Road at I-44. Upon checking the lot, Officer Huskey found a parked car with the interior filled with suspicious items. Further investigation revealed that the items observed in the car had been stolen earlier in the day

from a residence in the City of Valley Park.

Total recovered value of the property was over \$1300.

The subsequent investigation identified a suspect in the case and Officer Huskey issued a teletype reflecting the suspect as wanted for questioning reference the crime.

The next day, the suspect was

arrested by the Ferguson Police Department regarding Officer Huskey's arrest order.

Officer Huskey later interviewed the suspect who admitted to the burglary and theft of merchandise.

The suspect was released pending application of warrant on the charges.

Good Job Officer Huskey.

The Task Force targets under-age purchases of alcohol in our community.

Alcohol Purchase Task Force

Officers of the West County Precinct participate in the Rockwood Area Underage Alcohol Purchase Task Force. This unit attempts to verify that businesses with a license to sell alcoholic beverages do not sell their alcohol products to minors under the age of 21.

This unit actually utilizes underage subjects that will enter establishments to make or attempt to make purchases of alcoholic beverages.

When alcohol products are sold to these underage subjects, officers will then enter the business and confront the employee who sold the product. The offender who made the sale will be charged and given a court date.

On August 18th, a clerk at a business in Brookwood Center was busted for selling alcohol to a minor.

Crime Summary-North

- On August 2nd, officers were investigated a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Forest Avenue.
- On August 2nd, a cinder block was thrown through the window of a car park in the 1600 block of Whispering Creek. An Ipod, purse, camera and other items were reported stolen.
- On August 3rd, a window of a vehicle parked in the 14000 block of Manchester Road was broken out and a radar detector was stolen.
- On August 5th, a subject was armed with a knife and threatened suicide. Officers were forced to use a Tazer to gain control of the violent subject, who was then transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- On August 6th, a motorist left his unlocked and running vehicle unattended in the 13800 block of Manchester Road. When he returned, he found that his car had been stolen.
- On August 6th, officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Jefferson. One of the parties involved had been locked against their will in a laundry room for an hour.
- On August 7th, a resident in the 1300 block of Geen Knoll reported that for the last couple nights, flowers were ripped from the ground and dirt thrown on the porch as well as flower pots stolen.
- On August 7th, a subject in the 300 block of Jefferson died after snorting heroin during the evening.
- On August 7th, officers cited a subject for smoking marijuana in a car stopped next to the patrol car while stopped for a red light at Highway 141 and Meramec Station Road.

Crime Summary-South

- On August 5th, two subdivisions signs were stolen from the vicinity of San Miguel and Newport Landing Drive.
- On August 5th, a motorcycle was stolen from an open garage in the 900 block of Summerset Parc Lane. The motorcycle was later recovered in Jefferson County.
- On August 8th, officers arrested a subject in the 1200 block of Newport Landing Drive for assaulting his girlfriend by throwing a cell phone that struck her in the head. The subject was booked for Assault 2nd Degree.
- On August 9th, a locked utility truck was broken into while parked in the 1200 block of Trails Drive. The alarm sounded on the truck and awoke the owner who discovered \$10,000 in tools missing.
- On August 9th, a homeowner in the 300 block of Summer Top Lane reported that two subjects with flashlights attempted to break into his house via a side garage door.
- On August 11th, three vehicles parked on the apartment lot in the vicinity of 1000 Green Mountain Court were forcibly entered into. The locks of the driver's doors were damaged but no items were reported stolen from the cars.
- On August 11th, an Iphone and Garmin GPS unit were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Pope View Court.
- On August 11th, a GPS unit was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 600 block of Green Isles Drive.
- On August 14th, officers investigated an assault that occurred in the 1300 block of Summit Drive. The victim was reported to have been punched and pushed to the ground by her ex-boyfriend.
- On August 19th, a bomb threat was called into a business located in the 1300 block of Bowles. A search by a Bomb and Arson Canine was negative.
- On August 21st, officers responded to the 1700 block of Ivy Chase Court to investigate a report of Child Neglect. A juvenile was taken into protective custody.



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You can contact us in person at the station, 24 hours a day.

By the numbers...

In July 2010, officers assigned to the West County Precinct had the following statistics: We responded to 2416 Calls for Service, 2727 On-View incidents and took 529 police reports. We issued 269 RADAR tickets, 251 Moving violation tickets, 335 Non-moving tickets, and 68 Parking tickets.

Precinct officers made 35 felony arrests and 80 misdemeanor arrests during the month.



Speed Enforcement

When motorists see officers conducting speed enforcement, many thoughts come to mind, but our precinct officers have a purpose in their actions.

There are three required criteria necessary to be placed on our precinct Traffic Site List. They are: a valid citizen complaint, high traffic volume or a high accident site.

Many times the high volume and high accident areas are the same.

Our goal in conducting enforcement is to reduce the number of accidents, in particular injury accidents.

We routinely audit our sites to determine if there is a continuing problem. When it is determined that motorists are complying with the speed limit, we remove the location from our list.

Hopefully, we won't meet when we are conducting enforcement, but if we do you now have a

better idea of why we are there.

