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“Roll Call”

The St Louis County Police Departments West County Precinct’s Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Important Numbers

Crime Tip/Traffic Violation

Hotline-636-256-7075

Safe Schools Hotline

314-889-SAFE (7233)

Captain’s Corner

Hopefully, warmer weather will be here soon! Please notice we have a Citizens Police Academy that began March 4, 2010. We have met several friends, established partnerships between residents and police, and had a lot of fun from the classes. If you are interested, information on how to enroll in the academy is provided in this newsletter.

Construction has begun on our new police station. We anticipate a move in date in mid-May. After opening, and getting organized, we plan on hosting an open house. As part of our extended family and neighborhood watch partners, an invitation will be extended to you. I will keep you updated on the construction progress.

“Citizen of the Month”

The citizen of the month for February is Sherry Meyers. Despite having to overcome family concerns, she volunteered to become the Treasurer for the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. We feel it is important to acknowledge her initiative for a worthy cause. Sherry, please keep up the good work and good luck in your new position.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the clubhouse of the Tree Top Condos located at 701 Sandy Summit. Anyone interested in crime trends, law enforcement activities or organizing a neighborhood watch program is invited to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The West County and Fenton Precincts are hosting a Citizen Police Academy that began on March 4, 2010. The academy will run for eight consecutive Thursdays with graduation scheduled for April 22, 2010. The classes are being held in the Rockwood Bank meeting room at 1037 Majestic Drive (near the intersection of Highway 141 and Centurion). We are still reserving seats. For more information or to enroll, please contact Officer Lou Major at 636-256-7075 or at lmajor@stlouisco.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The West County Precinct sponsors neighborhood watch meetings that focus on crime prevention and other matters that affect the quality of life in our community. The meetings are open to everyone, not just those directly involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Most of the meetings will have guest speakers from specialized units within the St. Louis County Police Department or St. Louis County Government. At the end of each meeting, there will be an opportunity to discuss any specific issues with a Neighborhood Policing Officer. We hope to meet you at our next meeting in March.

THANK YOU

The St. Louis County Police Explorer Post #9774 wishes to thank everyone who helped make their trivia night on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the Lutheran Senior Services building, located at #1 Meramec Bluffs, a great success. Over \$6,000 was raised thanks to those who participated and volunteered. The funds will be used to offset travel and conference fees associated with the Post's trip to Atlanta this summer. Our post will be competing against other posts from across the nation in law enforcement related activities.

JUVENILE RESOURCE OFFICER

Any residents of our neighborhoods that are experiencing problems with specific juveniles or juvenile related problems are encouraged to contact Officer Calvin McClain. Officer McClain investigates juvenile crime and juvenile related issues in the community. Officer McClain works closely with the Patrol Officers, School Resource Officers and Deputy Juvenile Officers. Officer McClain can be contacted at 636-256-7075 or cmccclain@stlouisco.com

TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN FUGITIVE ARRESTS AND DRUG SEIZURE

While on patrol, Officer Huskey observed a car going on Highway 141 with truck license plates being displayed on the vehicle. A check of the male driver and female passenger revealed the occupants of the vehicle were wanted by U. S. Marshalls for drug possession. The suspects were arrested and taken to the St. Louis County Jail for booking. The vehicle was held at the scene pending the arrival of Officer Porter and his canine partner, "Otto". Otto proceeded to conduct a drug sniff of the vehicle. Suspected illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia were found hidden in the vehicle and seized as evidence. After laboratory analysis is completed, warrants will be applied for. Good job Officers Huskey, Porter, and canine "Otto".

NORTH SECTOR

- On 1/10/10, someone broke the rear passenger window of a vehicle parked in the 14000 block of Manchester Road and stole an unattended purse.
- On 1/13/10, a vehicle was reported stolen that was parked in the 14000 block of Manchester Road. The victim reported she left her car running with the doors unlocked, while she went into a business to pick up a food order.
- Officers arrested a 53-year old female motorist for D.W.I. on Carman Road at Carman Meadows. The suspect refused to submit to a breathalyzer and her driver's license was revoked for one year.
- A 23-year old female motorist was stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 44 near Antire Road. The suspect was found to be in possession of illegal drugs and was taken into custody.
- A patron of a fitness center in the 14000 block of Manchester Road reported his wallet was stolen from an unlocked locker.
- Officers seized a loaded .40 caliber pistol from a vehicle that was parked and occupied on the lot of a business near Weidman and Manchester Roads. Two suspects were charged with Unlawful Use Of A Weapon and one of the suspects was also charged with Possession Of Marijuana.
- A truck bed cover was reported stolen from a parked vehicle in the 300 block of Palermo Drive.

SOUTH SECTOR

- On 1/7/10, several residents in the 2100 block of Quirinal Court had items taken from their vehicles.
- On 1/5/10, officers recovered a stolen truck from St. Charles County that was found parked in the 600 block of Green Glade Court.
- On or about 1/7/10, a John Deere backhoe was stolen from the 1400 block of Heritage Valley.
- On 1/12/10, a GPS unit was reported stolen from an unlocked car in the 700 block of Fetlock Drive.
- On 1/12/10, officers stopped a vehicle for speeding on Smizer Mill Road near Branch Road. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and also an Arrest Notification for Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia.
- On 1/18/10, officers investigated a larceny from a residence in the 1400 block of Hawkins Corners Drive. A suspect was identified and questioned in the case. A warrant application was submitted to the County Counselor.
- On 1/19/10, a GPS unit and a radar detector were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle that was parked in the 1200 block of Kings Trail.
- On 1/21/10, a witness reported he observed an unidentified subject attempting to enter into parked vehicles in the Remington Oaks subdivision. The suspect fled the area in a two door, white compact vehicle.

CLARKSON VALLEY---VALLEY PARK---WINCHESTER ---TWIN OAKS

- On 1/8/10, after responding to a disturbance in the 600 block of Park Commons Court, an uncooperative subject was taken into custody. The subject assaulted an officer and was later transported to the hospital for treatment. A warrant application will be made through the Valley Park/Mental Health Court.
- On 1/10/10, a customer at a business in the 13600 block of Big Bend Road complained she was punched and her hair pulled by a male subject. Officers later located the suspect who denied the charges. This case was referred to the Valley Park Prosecuting Attorney.
- On 1/12/10, a subject was arrested for shoplifting items from a business in the 1100 block of Meramec Station Road.
- On 1/13/10, an employee of a business reported she had cash stolen from her unattended purse.

THE ORDINANCE CORNER

The maximum number of dogs and cats permitted per single-family residence in unincorporated St. Louis County is three (3) dogs or five (5) cats or a combination of five (5) dogs and cats with no more than three (3) dogs at any time.

For more information or to report a violation, contact:

St. Louis County Department of Public Works, Neighborhood Preservation Program South Office at (314) 615-4151.

Basketball hoops, playground or sports-related apparatus or similar objects are prohibited on or within a public roadway or sidewalk. The Director of Highways & Traffic, or a designated representative of the Department of Highways & Traffic, may remove these objects from a roadway or sidewalk. SLCRO 1218.130

Contact St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic at (314) 615-8504

ACCIDENT PREVENTION TIPS

Many of the accidents that officers investigate occur at intersections. Here are a few tips to help prevent these accidents.

- Observe the posted speed and do not follow too closely.
- When making a left turn and yielding to oncoming traffic, stop at the designated “stop line”. Do not stop in the intersection when waiting to turn.
- When you need to make a turn at an intersection, make your approach to the proper turn lane with care. Do not drive on the shoulder of the road or in the center turn lane in preparation for your turn.
- A yellow electric signal alerts the driver to prepare to stop. Resist the temptation to speed up with a yellow light. If you are anywhere in the intersection when the electric signal turns red, this would constitute a red light violation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Outdoor yard storage buildings are easy targets for criminals. This spring, thieves will steal expensive lawn mowers, tillers, chain saws, and other power equipment left unsecured. Do not be a victim. Install a heavy-duty hasp with a strong lock or other locking mechanism to prevent theft. Don't forget to record serial numbers of these items in the event of theft.

STATISTICS ANYONE?

For the month of January 2010, officers of the West County Precinct issued 329 radar citations, 310 citations for various moving violations, 486 citations for non-moving violations and 58 parking tickets. Officers completed 483 reports, arrested 48 subjects for felony crimes and 72 subjects for misdemeanor crimes. Officers arrested 11 intoxicated motorists.

POLICE PHONE NUMBERS

Non-Emergency Dispatch	314-889-2341
West County Precinct	636-256-2602
Neighborhood Policing	636-256-7075
Crime Tip/Traffic Hotline	636-256-7075
Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
CrimeStoppers	866-371-8477

PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control	314-726-6655
Child Abuse Hotline	800-392-3738
KUTO Teen Helpline	314-644-5886
Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151
Highways and Traffic	314-615-8504