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866-371-8477

Safe Schools Hotline
314-889-SAFE

West County Precinct

“Roll Call”

FEBRUARY 2011



Captain's Corner

The #1 complaint received at the West County Precinct concerns speeding motorists. As a result of these complaints, officers issue between 200 and 300 radar citations each month addressing this problem. “Stealthstat” radar surveys are routinely conducted in order to identify those roads needing special enforcement. Additionally, officers conduct extra enforcement on roads having high traffic density and/or vehicle accidents. We encourage citizens to report motorists who drive at unsafe speeds or endanger other drivers. Call **911** in an **Emergency** or 314-889-2341 to have an officer dispatched.

Citizens can call our Crime/Traffic Hotline at the West County Precinct and report a violator. An officer will be assigned to follow-up on the incident and contact the registered owner of the vehicle if a license plate is provided. If we work together we can reduce accidents and alter the behavior of speeding motorists.



Captain Steve Sack

Special Recognition

We would like to recognize Detective Charles Faasen, West County Precinct, for his outstanding efforts during the month of February. Detective Faasen worked tirelessly to arrest seven suspects, clearing nine felony crimes and three misdemeanor crimes. While working on clearing these crimes, he also assisted the precinct officers during the winter storm that hit the area in early February by answering calls for service. Detective Faasen is truly dedicated to his job and to making the West County Precinct a safer place to live and work.

Officers Make Arrest in Cutting



Neighborhood Watch is "looking out for one another".

A citizen report of a "suspicious" parked vehicle was the key to solving a residential burglary.

Always report suspicious activity. What does not look "right", probably is not. Go with your gut feeling and call the police.

On 02/23/2011 Officers Smith and Nagle responded to St. John's Mercy Hospital in reference to a patient in the Emergency Room who had severe lacerations to his head. Upon arrival, Officers made contact with the victim who stated that he and his adult brother got into a verbal

argument at their residence. The altercation quickly escalated into a physical fight. The victim further stated that his brother then produced a knife and began slashing and stabbing at him causing the lacerations to his head. The victim was treated for non life-threatening

injuries and was released. Officers Smith and Nagle then responded to their residence and arrested the brother of the victim. The suspect was charged with domestic assault in the 2nd degree. Good job Officers Smith and Nagle.

Welcome Officer Bazzoni

We would like to welcome Officer Vince Bazzoni to the West County Precinct Neighborhood Policing Unit. Officer Bazzoni started his career in 1991 with a North County Municipality. In 1997 he joined the St. Louis County Police Department and was assigned to the Central County Precinct where he became a Field Training Officer and served in that capacity for 5 years. In 2001, he was transferred to the Metro Air Support Unit, Spirit of St. Louis Airport. He served in that capacity for 8 years. In 2009, he was transferred to the West County Precinct where he again served as a Field Training Officer. Officer Bazzoni is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and has 3 children ages 19, 24 and 26.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The next Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be Crime Scene Investigation. There will be a detective from the Crime Scene Unit ON hand for a presentation. We will also be discussing other crime trends, law enforcement activities and keeping an active neighborhood watch program, in addition to enjoying snacks and beverages. We look forward to seeing you there.

Crime Summary-North

- On 2/28/11– A vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a residence on Barrett Woods Drive. The vehicle was unlocked and the keys were in plain view on the front seat.
- On 2/16/11– Electronics and change were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 200 block of Dunloe Drive. This crime was cleared by arrest.
- On 02/03/2011– A water heater was taken from a home that is under construction in the 300 block of Lauren Landing.
- On 2/26/11– Cash and credit cards were taken from an unlocked vehicle which was parked in an open garage in the overnight hours. This occurred in the 1300 block of Red Oak Plantation.
- On 2/27/11—A domestic assault occurred in the 1000 block of Oak Glen Drive. This crime was cleared by arrest.
- On 2/07/11- Illegal drugs were found in a vehicle as the result of a traffic stop in the area of Missouri Hwy 141 and Helfrich Lane. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and the drugs were seized.
- On 2/06/11– An officer from the Highway Safety Unit arrested an intoxicated driver in the area of Big Bend Road and Barrett Station Road.

Crime Summary-South

- On 2/3/11– A domestic assault occurred in the 200 block of Hickory Hedge Drive. This crime was cleared by arrest.
- On 2/20/11-Electronics and a purse were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 1600 block of Branch Drive.
- On 2/23/11– Two subjects entered a business in Brookwood Center; while one subject distracted the clerk the second subject reached into an unlocked display case and took a display card containing 5 diamond earrings.
- On 2/16/11– Illegal drugs were found in a vehicle as a result of a traffic stop in the area of Hawkins Road and Hawkins Meadows Drive. Two subjects were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- On 2/17/11- A peace disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of Ivy Chase Drive. Upon the officer's arrival, the suspect was identified as a persistent offender of drug use and disturbing the peace. This crime was cleared by arrest.
- On 2/20/11– A patrol officer arrested an intoxicated driver in the area of Hawkins Road and New Sugar Creek Road.



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By the numbers...

In February 2011, officers assigned to the West County Precinct had the following statistics: we responded to 1,781 calls for service, 2,279 on-view incidents and took 400 police reports. We issued 217 RADAR tickets, 189 moving violation tickets, 388 non-moving tickets, and 30 parking tickets.

Precinct officers made 34 felony arrests and 74 misdemeanor arrests during the month.

There were 11 motorists arrested for DWI.

Officers made 1281, business and neighborhood contacts while on patrol, this allows us to have a positive interaction with the citizens and businesses in our precinct.

Memorial Golf Tournament

The St. Louis County Police Department Welfare Association will be hosting its annual Memorial Golf Tournament on April 25th, 2011 at the Norwood Hills Country Club. The 18-hole registration is \$250.00 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, unlimited food and beverages on course with a specialty steak dinner and prizes following the tournament. The 9-hole registration is \$60.00 per person and includes 9 holes of golf with cart, food and beverages on course and prizes. Registration deadline for the 18-hole tournament is March 25, 2011. The deadline for the 9-hole tournament is April 4, 2011. There will be raffle prizes. The top raffle prize is a 42" HD TV. Other prizes include golf equipment, gift certificates, and clothing apparel. Proceeds benefit the St. Louis County Police Welfare Association. For more information please call Officer Poncin or Officer Bazzoni at 314-615-0700.