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# West County Precinct

## “Roll Call”

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## Captain's Corner



Captain Steve Sack

In July, most of us were enjoying our vacations and spending time with our families. As this summer has reminded us, the weather plays an important role in our activities and lifestyle. How many of us thought about emergency plans concerning the extreme heat? How many thought about precautions?

Living in St. Louis, we know that the weather is always changing. Every season has its own unique issues we need to take into consideration as we prepare to keep our families safe and comfortable.

In the summer, we avoid too much sun, refresh ourselves with water and check on our neighbors and family members. In the winter, we need to prepare for possible isolation in our homes by having sufficient food and water on hand, along with firewood or a back-up generator in case we experience another extended power outage like we did a few years ago. We need to ensure our vehicles are in top working condition and place a winter emergency kit in our trunks. A warm blanket, flares, flashlight and a light snack could go a long way if you break down on the side of the road.

As the summer winds down and fall approaches, take a few minutes to walk around your homes, check your cars and review emergency plans with your children and neighbors.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”, Benjamin Franklin

## Citizen of the Month

Our Citizen of the Month for July is Alderman Jim Meyer from Clarkson Valley. Mr. Meyer is a strong supporter of the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition. This Coalition is concerned with the drug and alcohol use by youth in our community. He was instrumental in organizing a prescription take back program through the coalition, which was held at the Clarkson Valley City Hall.

In his duties as an alderman, he is very concerned with the quality of life issues and in keeping Clarkson Valley a nice place to live and raise a family.

Thank you Jim for your dedication to our community and your contribution to making it a better place.

If you are interested in the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition, please visit [www.rockwoodcoalition.org](http://www.rockwoodcoalition.org).

# Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch is “looking out for one another”.

*The Citizen Police Academy provides an opportunity for you to learn what police officers do.*

Our last Neighborhood Watch Meeting was the first one held at our new station. Forty people attended and received their personal tour and updates to some of the crime incidents, which are occurring in our community.

Please remember, our neighborhood meetings are open for anyone wishing to be better informed about our community. If you would like to attend, please park in the rear of our precinct and enter

under the large green canopy.

Our next meeting is September 16, 2010, at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Neighborhood Watch Crime Update!

We have recently seen a pattern of thefts from motor vehicles that are parked on church parking lots. The thefts have been occurring on Sundays while church services are being conducted. Forced entry is being made. Anything of

value is being stolen, especially purses and wallets containing credit cards. The credit cards will then be immediately used to make purchases.

Please do not leave anything of value in plain view, in an unattended car, even on church lots. Secure valuables in the trunk prior to arriving at your destination. Be alert for suspicious occupied parked cars. Report suspicious activity immediately to the police.

# Citizen Police Academy

The West County Precinct will host a Citizen Police Academy that will begin on Thursday, September 16, 2010. The academy will run for eight consecutive Thursdays, with graduation on November 4, 2010. The academy will be held in the conference room of the West County Precinct, located at 232 Vance Road. The precinct station is located

1/2 mile west of Highway 141, on Vance Road.

The Citizen Police Academy is a great opportunity to gain personal knowledge and experience in how actual police officers patrol their beats, conduct traffic stops and investigate crime. Law enforcement professionals in the fields of Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Drug Enforcement, Tactical

Operations, Fraud, and the Crime Scene Unit instruct classes.

The Citizen Police Academy is open to all St. Louis County residents and is free of charge. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. To register or for more information, please contact Officer Lou Major at 314-615-0707 or [lmajor@stlouisco.com](mailto:lmajor@stlouisco.com)

# National Night Out



National Night Out events in the West County Precinct were well attended despite the hot weather. On this night, many subdivisions came together to make a firm stand against crime of any kind in their neighborhoods.

The residents of Bentley Manor assembled on the common ground at Centurion and Gladiator and celebrated the evening with a social event that included ice cream and beverages. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to place their name in the hat for attendance prizes.

Please contact a Neighborhood Policing Officer if you are interested in having your subdivision participate in next year's event. Thank you very much for your participation .

## Crime Summary-North

- On July 1st, a nine week old infant at a daycare was found to be not breathing. The child was transported to St. Clair Hospital and pronounced dead. Detectives are conducting further investigation into this death.
- An occupant of a black Celica may have been responsible for discharging a weapon in the vicinity of Ridgley Woods Drive on July 2nd. Shell casings were found on the roadway by the investigating officer. When an officer stopped a car matching the description as given by a witness, the suspect vehicle fled the scene.
- On July 3rd, officers investigated a property damage in which someone threw landscaping rocks into a swimming pool causing extensive damage. Three suspects were later arrested and issued Arrest Notifications for committing the crime.
- On July 4th, a subject was apprehended for attempting to steal a bottle of vodka from a business near Big Bend and Meramec Station Road. The suspect tried to explain to the officer that the “bulge” in his pants was “normal”.
- On July 4th, officers received a call for a disturbance in the vicinity of 600 Benton Street. On arrival, shots were fired at officers and at a participant in the disturbance. A suspect was arrested and charged with Assault 1st on a Law Enforcement Officer, and four counts of Armed Criminal Action.
- On July 7th, officers conducted a “pedestrian check” of a suspicious subject who was walking in the vicinity of Meramec Station Road and Forest Avenue. The subject was found to be in possession of marijuana and a class drug pipe. The suspect was issued a summons to appear in Valley Park Municipal Court.
- On July 8th, it was reported that an iPod and other items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in an open garage on Rose Haven Court. The Burglary Unit will be conducting the follow up investigation.
- On July 8th, a resident in the 900 block of Brightfield Court reported a laptop missing from inside the residence.

## Crime Summary-South

- On July 3rd, a vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation on Valero at San Lucas. A passenger in the vehicle fled from the scene. The driver of the car was arrested for a liquor violation. The passenger who fled was identified and is now wanted for interfering and resisting arrest.
- On July 5th, a suspect was issued an Arrest Notification for taking his father’s car without permission in the 500 block of May Valley Drive. The suspect was charged with Trespassing and Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Consent.
- On July 11th, a resident in the 1500 block of Summerchase Lane reported the theft of electronic items from the house.
- On July 13th, the front storm door of a residence in the 1400 block of San Miguel was vandalized.
- On July 15th, a GPS unit and other items were stolen from an unlocked car in an open garage in the 300 block of Summer Top Lane.
- On July 16th, a lawn mower was stolen from an open garage in the 900 block of Oakmoor Drive.
- On July 18th, officers investigated an attempt suicide that occurred at a residence on Majestic Court.
- On July 24th, a motorist reported that the driver’s side mirror of her car was punched off by an unknown subject riding a motorcycle on Highway 141 near I-44. The victim stated she was stopped in traffic when the incident occurred.
- On July 25th, the rear passenger window of a car parked on the lot at 1175 Piedras Parkway was broken out.
- On July 21st, officers investigated a report that a child was left unattended in a car with the windows rolled up during the hot weather. A suspect was identified and a report was completed. Officers will make a warrant application with the Prosecuting Attorney’s officer. Notification was made to DFS via the hotline.
- On July 19th, a victim reported that someone took his bike from the front yard of his residence in the 600 block of Green Hedge.



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

### By the numbers...

**In June 2010, officers assigned to the West County Precinct had the following statistics: We responded to 2,238 Calls for Service, 2,603 On-View incidents and took 533 police reports. We issued 217 RADAR tickets, 315 Moving violation tickets, 399 Non-moving tickets, and 47 Parking tickets.**

**Precinct officers made 42 felony arrests and 97 misdemeanor arrests during the month.**



## The CALEA Process: An Ongoing Strive For Excellence

With the ever existing push for improvement, the St. Louis County Police Department undergoes a considerable assessment every three years. This on-site inspection is conducted in order to ensure that the Department meets the requirements of CALEA. CALEA, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, awarded the Department its first accreditation on November 21, 1998. The

evaluation establishes that a specific set of standards are demonstrated by a law enforcement agency. Award is given to departments who wish to voluntarily exhibit these exact guidelines. Successful accreditation displays professionalism and excellence that is proudly recognized by both the men and



women of the Department and the citizens we serve. Recently, the Department earned the Tri-Arc Award which is the highest level of accreditation in all three assessment areas: Law Enforcement, Communications and Training. The Department is one of five agencies internationally to hold this award. This year, the Department is preparing for its fourth reaccreditation from CALEA.