

ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# West County Precinct

## “Roll Call”

APRIL 2011

### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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#### IMPORTANT

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**Valley Park Officers**  
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**Traffic Complaints**  
314-615-0715

**Crime Stoppers**  
866-371-8477

**Safe Schools Hotline**  
314-889-SAFE

**Drug Hotline**  
314-863-3673

## Captain's Corner



Captain Steve Sack

Spring is always a sign of new beginnings. Let us use this as a reminder to “begin” or “renew” our interests in the Neighborhood Watch Program. As we slowly begin to come out of our homes from the long winter, we need to meet our new neighbors and renew friendships with those we have not seen in months. The key to a safe neighborhood is active involvement by the area residents. With this cooperative effort of residents; we can prevent crime and educate everyone on the importance of calling the police when you see suspicious activity. The St Louis County Police Department is proud to be your partner in crime prevention. If you would like to be involved in a Neighborhood Watch group, please call our Neighborhood Policing Officers at the West County Precinct at 314-615-0700.

## Special Recognition

Special recognition goes to Officer Poncin of the West County Precinct and Officer Brad Mueller of the Fenton Precinct. Both officers were awarded officer of the quarter by the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. They received their award on March 12, 2011 at a potluck dinner provided by the CPAAA at River Chase in the City of Fenton. Both officers were chosen for their dedication to the Police Department and to the community. The officers were chosen by the CPAAA board members.

## Officers find that not all calls are the same.



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.**

Officers responded to a residence for a sick case. They contacted an intoxicated female who would not answer any questions and had blood on her face. A canvass of her residence revealed Marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The subject was conveyed to the hospital for treatment and will answer to the drug violation at a later date.

Officers responded to an Assault that had just occurred. The victim reported he had been assaulted with a baseball bat after ringing a neighbors door bell and running. The suspect, who resides next door, responded and told the officers that he had hit the victim with the baseball bat because he repeatedly rang his doorbell and ran and that he had been pounding on his windows. The suspect was taken into custody and warrants were issued for Assault 2nd and Armed Criminal Action.

Officers responded to call of a large party. When they arrived the party goers ran inside and locked the door and tried to act like no one was home. After approximately 2 hours, groups of kids started to finally leave. Numerous juveniles were determined to have consumed alcohol and were charged with Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Several other juveniles were charged with Curfew Violations.

## CPAAA HOSTS AWARDS BANQUET



Chris Clauss and the rest of the CPAAA made retired officer Lou Major a life time member of the CPAAA. Chief Fitch, Captain Bader, and Sgt. Marshall were in attendance and enjoyed refreshments. CPAAA board member Ruth Hille received an award for volunteering a large amount of her time in the last quarter.

## 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 03/12/11, officers responded to a call for a stolen vehicle in 13000 block or Big Bend road.
- On 03/20/11, officers responded to a call for a fire at the intersection of Spring Lilly court and Heritage Valley drive. Upon arrival officers found a port a potty located at a construction site was on fire.
- On 03/12/11, officers responded to a call for a destruction of property in the 14000 block of Manchester road. Upon arrival officers were told by the reporting party that person or persons unknown scratched her car with a key while she was working.
- On 03/23/11, officers arrested a subject for possession of a controlled substance as a result of a traffic stop.
- On 03/20/11, officers arrested a subject for driving while intoxicated in the area of Mo. Hwy 141 and Big Bend.
- On 03/01/11, officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2000 block of Kehrs Mill drive. A subject was arrested.
- On 03/05/11, officers made a drug arrest as a result of a traffic stop in the area of Clarkson and Clayton roads.

## Crime Summary-South

- On 03/07/11, Officers responded to a domestic assault in the 300 block of Summer Top drive. This crime was cleared by arrest.
- On 03/06/11, officers responded to a call for a burglary just occurred in the 1200 block of Perdiz lane. The victim stated that her ex-boyfriend broke into her house while she was sleeping, he woke her up and forced her to give him money. This crime was cleared by arrest
- On 03/18/11, officers responded to a burglary in the 2000 block of Gladiator drive. Upon arrival officers learned that items were taken from the victims garage in the overnight hours and that her garage door was open all night.
- On 03/20/11, officers responded to a call for a larceny in the 600 block of Greensleeves drive. Upon arrival it was learned that the homeowner had a utility trailer parked in the driveway and that person or persons unknown took it from her driveway.
- On 03/07/11, officers responded to a business in the 2000 block of Smizer Station drive. Upon arrival officers learned that two subjects entered the business and while one was keeping the clerk busy the other subject took several cartons of cigarettes and walked out.



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

### **By the numbers...**

**In March 2011, officers assigned to the West County Precinct had the following statistics: we responded to 2,090 calls for service, 2,944 on-view incidents and took 482 police reports. We issued 230 RADAR tickets, 237 moving violation tickets, 521 non-moving tickets, and 49 parking tickets.**

**Precinct officers made 26 felony arrests and 105 misdemeanor arrests during the month.**

**There were 13 motorists arrested for DWI.**

**Officers made 1492, 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.