

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### **Kendall Triad Senior Knox-Box Program**

The Kendall County Triad is excited to announce a new program for Kendall County seniors. This program assists seniors in obtaining a Knox-Box for their residence. A Knox-Box is a security box that holds keys to their home that fire district personnel can obtain access to. Each respective fire department in Kendall County is registered with the Knox-Box Corporation that entitles them to their own security key. A business or resident can purchase a Knox-Box that would be registered to their fire protection district and could be utilized by them for emergency entry. The Senior Knox-Box program is financed by a local business that wanted to give back to the seniors of Kendall County. This very generous business called *Key Strokes Transcription Service* has bequeathed \$15,000.00 to supply a hundred Knox-Boxes to our cause. The program is also partnered with our local fire departments who have agreed to install the Knox-Box to any senior residence within their respective jurisdiction in Kendall County. The fire departments compassion towards our seniors is equal to *Key Strokes Transcription Service*.

There is an application packet that the participant can request or obtain from Senior Services at the Beecher Community Building or from the Yorkville or Oswego Police Departments. This packet includes a very simple

application and criteria of who is applicable. The packet also has a waiver of liability and a Knox-Box Corporation informational sheet describing what a Knox-Box is. The basic criteria is the applicant must own their own home and a senior is classified as anyone who is 65 years of age or older. This is a new program and orders will be taken for the equipment needed. There will probably be at least a three week delay before the fire department will receive the box and work order. This is something that will take time that equates to 6-8 weeks before installation can be completed. The only item that the applicant will need to supply is a key to their front door that will be placed into the Knox-Box.

If the program is successful further contributions will be solicited. The Knox-Box is strong, clean looking and will be permanently mounted to your residence, but the most important aspect, it could save your life. Call the Yorkville Police Department at 630 553-4340 or Senior Services at 630 553-5777 to obtain your application packet.

*Thank you*



### **Senior Well-Being Check**

In the past the Yorkville Police Department had a Senior Watch Program. The police would call or stop by and talk to the seniors. Because of an increased workload the program fell to the wayside. Chief Harold Martin asked Sgt. Groesch to look into another program that would cater to our seniors without putting any extra work onto the officers. Sgt. Groesch brought this information to the Kendall County Triad. The KC Triad organization is a group of people who work together to help Kendall County seniors.

The KC Triad appreciated the idea and it was researched where a computerized program was found that can make phone calls on a daily basis. The program known as the Senior Well-Being Check uses a voiceover instead of a computer generated voice and gives the time and date each time the senior is called. The senior is prompted to push 1 on their phone and the check is complete. If they do not pick up the program generates a phone call to the next person on the senior's application. If that person picks up the Well-Being Check is complete. This program can contact up to four other numbers the applicant submits.

The program is free to the user and can be turned off for a day, week, or month by calling a number that is given to the applicant. For further information contact Sgt. Groesch at 630 553-8511.

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## Abusing Inhalants

### *What is inhalant abuse?*

An inhalant can be almost any aerosol or liquid solvent. Oven cleaner, model glue, spray paint, correction fluid, paint thinner and polyurethane are just a few of the household products that young people may try to inhale. They breathe in the fumes of the product directly from its container, known as "snorting." Or, they soak a rag in the product, put the rag over their nose and inhale the fumes, known as "huffing." Or, they pour the product into a bag, which they hold over their mouth and nose while they inhale the fumes, known as "bagging."

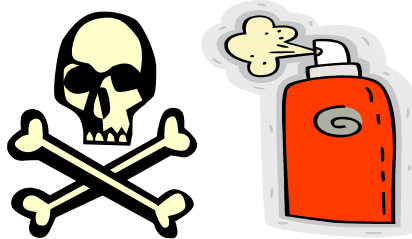
### *How can I tell if my child is using inhalants to get high?*

It may be hard to recognize the signs of inhalant abuse. Teenagers who use inhalants may have chapped lips or faces, paint stains on their hands and clothes, runny noses, a funny odor on their breath or bloodshot eyes. They may complain of headaches, dizziness or trouble with their memory, sleep or vision.

### *What does it do to the body?*

Inhaling solvents can cause sudden death because the heart stops. It also can be the cause of fires, falls, car crashes and drownings. Inhalants block oxygen flow to the brain and every other organ in the body. Continued abuse can kill your child as a result of slow damage to every organ. If your child is abusing inhalants, he or

she is likely to try other kinds of drugs, especially alcohol and marijuana.



### *Why are we discussing this topic?*

These types of drug practices have happened in Yorkville and again recently there has been an increased usage within the teen population of Yorkville. We encourage you to educate yourself about these easily accessible, yet highly dangerous, drugs. For more information contact the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition (NIPC), [www.inhalants.org](http://www.inhalants.org).

## How to Lower Your Auto Insurance

The National Safety Council and Rush-Copley Medical Center invite motorists over age 50 to attend several diverse lectures on driver safety. Join Illinois State Trooper Mark Dorencz, a trained instructor, on defensive driving techniques and learn about new traffic laws, rules of the road and how to save money on your auto insurance. Course materials, snacks and refreshments will be provided. Laws are constantly changing and you will be able

to learn what has been modified or newly created. Learn what specific laws deal with you personally. To register for this interactive session or for more information, please call 866- 4COPLEY (1-866-426-7539) or visit [rushcopley.com](http://rushcopley.com).

### **Dates:**

Thursday, April 9, 2009 &  
Friday, April 10, 2009  
(must attend both dates)

### **Time:**

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Place:**

Rush-Copley Healthcare Center  
Community Conference Room  
1100 West Veterans Parkway  
Yorkville, IL 60560

### **Fee:**

\$10 per person due on first day  
of class for materials only



## On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:  
[www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us)

Illinois Laws:  
[www.legis.state.il.us](http://www.legis.state.il.us)

Secretary of State:  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)