

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### Smoke Free Illinois

The Smoke-Free Illinois Act goes into effect at midnight on January 1, 2008.

The following areas must be smoke-free:

- All indoor public places (includes, but is not limited to): restaurants, bars, taverns, bowling alleys, private clubs, dormitories, public conveyances, sports arenas, retail and commercial establishments, convention facilities, vehicles and buildings owned or leased by the state, offices, and hospitals.
- Places of employment: any area under the control of a public or private employer that employees are required to enter, leave, or pass through during the course of employment. Includes, but not limited to: offices, restrooms, conference/classrooms, break rooms, cafeterias, and lobbies.
- Fifteen (15) feet from all doors, windows that open, and vents.

Limited exemptions include:

- Up to 25% of hotel/motel rooms, provided smoke does not infiltrate to smoke-free areas.
- Tobacco retailers that file annually with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Stores must derive 80 % of sales from tobacco-related products, may not have any kind of food, liquor, or restaurant license,

and if they begin operation after 1/1/08, must be a freestanding structure.

- Nursing home rooms in which all occupants have requested in writing to be placed in a room which allows smoking. Smoke may not infiltrate into other areas.



No smoking signs must be posted at every entrance according to requirements set forth by the act.

Ashtrays must be removed from all areas where smoking is prohibited.

IDPH has established a toll-free number and a web-site to register complaints: (866) 973-4646, [www.smoke-free.illinois.gov](http://www.smoke-free.illinois.gov).

The Kendall County States Attorney has advised that he will conduct appropriate measures on a case by case basis in regards to the Smoke-Free Illinois Act violations that occur within Kendall County.

### Music Piracy

I'm sure you have recently read about the music industry enforcing their trade mark status, but I thought this article from "i-safe" times would be a good reminder.

*A jury decided a 30-year-old single mother from Minnesota must pay \$220,000 as a result of a lawsuit brought by 6 recording companies for music piracy. Jammie Thomas was sued \$9,250 for each of the 24 songs that were named in the suit.*

*At issue was not only that Ms. Thomas was accused of downloading music illegally, but that she shared 1,102 songs with countless others through a Kazaa account.*

*Kazaa, a peer-to-peer file-sharing service, settled a music piracy suit last year for \$100 million.*



It appears the music industry had to make an example out of someone and is aggressively pursuing civil litigation.

Don't get caught up in this civil bureaucratic nightmare. Do the right thing and pay for your music now—paying later sounds expensive.

### DUI Fact

The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is three times as high at night as during the day. More than 53 percent of weekend evening crashes are alcohol related.

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Sergeant Dave Delaney's specialty is the Yorkville Police Department Traffic Unit where he has been working on a program to empower citizens to do something about speeding in their neighborhoods. Through this partnership of empowering our citizens all parties win. The police department receives help slowing vehicles down and the neighborhoods become safer. After researching the subject Sergeant Delaney has created a policy for the Yorkville Police Department and the following explains this policy.

In efforts to combat residential speeding, the Yorkville Police Department has implemented a Citizen Radar Patrol Program. The program is comprised of a group of citizen volunteers who want to take a proactive approach to traffic violations. Citizens are trained to use police issued radar equipment, and then monitor the speed of vehicles. Citizens are trained to use police issued radar equipment, and then monitor the speed of vehicles on their street. They log speeding vehicles by their license plate, time of day, direction of travel, street location and the speed of the vehicle.

A team of two individuals will be working together. One volunteer will be logging the vehicles and the other operating the radar gun. At the completion of the observation period, Citizen Radar Patrol Activity Sheets are then given

to the Yorkville Police Department Traffic Unit, who determines the registered owner of these vehicles through the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

The function of this patrol is solely to gather information on speed and other violations within the neighborhoods of the United City of Yorkville. Vehicle information is recorded and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The letter is intended to serve as a reminder to citizens to observe traffic laws and drive accordingly. This letter will state the date, time, location and speed of the vehicle committing the violation.

Volunteers must be twenty-one (21) years of age and residents of the United City of Yorkville to participate. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact Sergeant Dave Delaney (630) 553-8541 for additional information or sign-up dates.



### Intoxicated Drivers on Roadway

- At any time, 1 out of 50
- On weekend nights, closer to 1 out of 10
- Approximately ½ come from public drinking establishments

### Holiday Greetings

The staff of the Yorkville Police Department would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday.

We work together through many different programs to enhance the safety and quality of life for all Yorkville residents and appreciate what you do to help us accomplish this very endearing goal. Without your help this endeavor could never be completed.

This is truly a partnership that benefits all and the entire staff of the Yorkville police Department would like to say Thank-You.

Thank you for your help in finding a lost child. Thank you for watching your neighborhood and calling when something looks suspicious. Thank you for getting involved in our Citizens Police Academy classes and Neighborhood Watch programs. Thank you for disposing your expired or unused medication at the police department that helps keep our water clean and crime down for future generations.

Thanks for being there and caring.

### 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)