

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

December 2008

Meet Our Employees

This month's featured employee is Officer Ryan Goldsmith.

Officer Goldsmith



Officer Ryan Goldsmith started his career in law enforcement with the Yorkville Police Department and continues to excel. He was raised in the Plano area and attended Waubensee Community College obtaining his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Goldsmith would like to continue his education in the future and is looking forward to partaking in several different aspects of police work.

Officer Goldsmith is interested in traffic and investigations. He would also like to work towards future promotional advancements within the Yorkville police structure.

Officer Goldsmith is married and working on the all American dream of owning his own home, raising a family, and working in a job that is satisfying and rewarding.

Officer Goldsmith is an avid sports fan and is an active participant in football, softball, and golf. We are proud to have him on our team.



Underage Drinking

Underage drinking is the number one drug problem among teens in America. Alcohol is responsible, directly and indirectly, for more teen deaths and injuries than all other drugs combined. Alcohol is implicated in traffic crashes, sexual assaults, school dropouts and a host of other serious, even deadly, problems.

The community cares about this problem, that's why the police department and local businesses have partnered together in an attempt to curtail these activities.

We work together by providing Beverage Alcohol Seller Server Educational Training (BASSET) sessions to bartenders, waiters, waitresses, and managers. This six-hour state sanctioned class is free to all United City of Yorkville's businesses.

Our next line of defense is what we call alcohol compliance checks. We have an undercover special agent work with the police and check all alcohol licensees. We work as a partner to all of our businesses to help keep our city safe.



The police department and the Yorkville businesses take this problem very seriously and will continue to do our part to help the youth of Yorkville.

Prepare for the Worst

Part of the police profession is to assist citizens when a crime has personally interrupted their lives. We do this through documentation of what events have taken place and through retrieving evidence that was left behind.

Some of the questions we ask the victim are very basic, but may be difficult to answer if they are not prepared. What was taken might be an easier question, but describing the item and retrieving serial numbers would be the real challenge.

We have located a web site that could be very useful to organize and catalog your valuables. The reason we ask for this specific information is to utilize our Law Enforcement Agencies Data System, (LEADS) that in turn feeds into the National Crime Information Center, (NCIC). This means if your item has been stolen and is sold in another state like Wisconsin, the owner could be located if an officer ran the serial number through their system.

Another reason to complete this is for insurance purposes. If you cannot prove what you had it makes it difficult for insurance companies to reimburse losses. Without this information, establishing ownership could also be very difficult. The following website could prove very beneficial for your personal property and a piece of mind.
<http://www.knowyourstuff.org/index.html>

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Senior Citizens; Check This Out

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.

Date:

Monday, January 12, 2009
Tuesday, January 13, 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

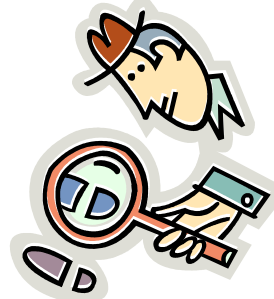
Fee:

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

Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Class

The Yorkville Police Department is excited to announce the scheduling of our fourteenth Citizen's Police Academy. If you are interested to learn more about your government, this is the class for you. The class will begin in November and continue for thirteen weeks. The day of the class could be either Monday or Wednesday; this will be determined by general consensus of the participants.

The majority of the classes will be at the Yorkville Library conference room, but if there are conflicting schedules we will be at Yorkville Middle School. There will also be three scheduled field trips to local agencies. The classes are from 6:30-9:00 PM and they are open to people who are eighteen years of age or older who work in Yorkville or live within the Yorkville School districts boundaries. The classes are free and applications can be obtained from the police department or on line at www.yorkville.il.us.



Christmas Trees

The Kendall County Criminal Justice Explorer Post 1155 is once again selling Christmas tree's. The tree's have been delivered and are from a different tree company out of northern Wisconsin.

The explorers are excited about the new company and believe the trees are gauged at a higher standard of quality. There are six different species ranging from 6 to 10 foot high.

All tree's are \$35.00 each and the scouts are ready to trim, give it a fresh cut, wrap and carry the tree to your car and tie it down at no extra cost.

We also carry wreaths and sell bundles of greens at a reasonable price. We are located in front of the Bristol Kendall Fire Department main station at Route 47 and Beaver Street in Yorkville.

Please come out and support our Explorer Post.



On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:
www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:
www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com