

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Officer Commendations

The Yorkville Police Department has a roster of dedicated officers who are diligent in their duties. Here is an example of their work.

Officers responded to a local home improvement business regarding a retail theft in progress. Due to the quick response and efforts of these officers, this incident resulted in the apprehension of three suspects and recovery of thousands of dollars of merchandise. Detective Mott was available and assisted in the investigation with the interview process. I would like to recognize:

Officer Pat McMahon

Officer Tim Kolowski

Officer Garrett Carlyle

Detective Stacey Mott



Their hard work and dedication makes the United City of Yorkville a safer place for the residents to live.

Sergeant Sam Stroup
Patrol Sergeant #209



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 in the 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.

Q&A on the "Video Gaming Act"

For the next several months we will be conveying information on the new Video Gaming Act. This information is being provided by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission News bulletin that we are members of.

Each respective city, town or village has to make a decision if they want Video Gaming in their jurisdiction. Each month we will give you an answer to some of the frequently asked questions that has arisen from this new act.

Q: How many video gaming terminals will be allowed at each site?

A: *Up to five machines may be placed at each licensed establishments.*

Q: Can local jurisdictions restrict the use of video gaming terminals?

A: *Yes, Incorporated municipalities and counties (which will regulate licensed establishments in unincorporated areas) can prohibit video gaming terminals within their jurisdiction by passing an ordinance or through successful passage of a voter referendum.*

To be continued...



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What Can You Do To Help Your Teen Drive Safer?

According to the National Safety Council there are several safety measures a parent can do and the first thing is to set ground rules.

Passengers - Limit the number of friends your teen can have in the car. The council recommends not allowing passengers. For teens, crash rates increase dramatically with each additional passenger.

Nighttime Driving - Start with an early driving curfew. The council recommends 10 PM during the graduated driver license period.

Cell Phone Usage - Teens should never be allowed to use a cell phone for calls or text messages while driving. Using these distracting devices make drivers of all ages more likely to crash.

Alcohol and Drugs - Make a zero-tolerance policy for the use of alcohol and drugs.

Seat Belt Use - Remind your teen to always buckle up. Seat belts significantly reduce the likelihood of fatality or serious injury in the event of a crash.

Speeding - Encourage your teen to follow the speed limit and model good driving by following the speed limit yourself.

Work together with your teen to create ground rules for driving. Be sure to agree on both positive and negative consequences for following or breaking these rules.

Holiday's Are Coming

We have several holidays approaching and our heads are full of a thousand things that must be done to make these special days memorable for all. If handled incorrectly our love ones could remember these days for all the wrong reasons.

Remember the 2009 New Years Day when we had our house burglarized? That's the type of memories we don't want to have. It really does not take much to employ a little crime prevention to our personal lives... just a little time.



The police department has a vacation watch list that you can easily use by contacting the police department at 630 553-4340 and talk to one of the office staff, office hours are 8:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday. They will ask you several questions while completing a vacation watch form that will assist the officer when checking your residence.

Remember you will need a key holder name for this form. It is also very helpful to work with your neighbors so you can look out for each other.

Don't forget about the basics like having your mail and newspapers stopped. A light timer is another smart and inexpensive crime prevention tool.

Have fun, be safe, and make all of your future memories good ones.

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 ready to go into a good home. The tree's look great and appear to be very fresh. 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. The stand is open daily; 5:00PM-9:00PM and weekends from 10:00AM - 6:00PM.

Please come out and support our Explorer Post that is a subsidiary of the Boy Scouts of America.



On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com