

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Employee

This month's featured employee is from our office support staff. Records Clerk Danielle Klimek.

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Records Clerk Klimek is the first face you will see when entering our police department. Her job entails answering phones and assisting customers along with a plethora of other police office duties.

Klimek's hometown is Yorkville and she attended North Central College graduating in 2001 earning her degree in Business Management. Danielle is married and resides in Yorkville.

Offenses Related to Underage Drinking

Parental Responsibility

Applies to parents or guardians knowingly allowing underage consumption of alcoholic beverages at a gathering at a residence.

- A Class A misdemeanor with possible imprisonment for up to one year and fines of \$500-\$2,500.

You are not their friend; you're their parent.

"ICE" Your Cell Phone

This is a newer concept that makes a lot of sense. ICE is an acronym that stands for In Case of Emergency where it would be flagged in your phone book by placing ICE in front of your emergency contacts. This program would assist emergency personnel in contacting loved ones in case of an emergency.

An example of this would be if you were in an accident and were rendered unconscious, emergency personnel could contact the person who is tagged with the ICE label.

It may be a good idea to put more than one telephone number identified by ICE just to make sure someone could be reached. The way this could be done is to list them in chronological order; an example of this could be,
ICE1 – John
ICE2 – Jane

Emergency personnel have been informed of this procedure and are on the lookout for numbers being tagged with ICE. This concept is easy to administer, it just takes a few minutes to complete. Why not take the time and ICE your cell phone right now. For more information regarding this visit www.ice.illinois.gov.



Traffic Corner

Every year there are many crashes involving motorists and police officers that result in destruction of property or

personal injury. To protect yourself, and others around you, it is important to review the law. The Illinois Vehicle Code is a book that explains the laws that drivers should follow. In this book, it states that as an emergency vehicle approaches with its lights and sirens activated, that a driver is to immediately pull over to the right hand curb or pull over as far as possible to let the emergency vehicle pass.

The concern to police officers isn't that people don't know the law, but that people don't obey or can't because of in-car distractions. Listening to loud music in a vehicle or talking on a cell phone lead to drivers not hearing the approach of emergency vehicles. It is also important for drivers to realize that if drivers around them are pulling over, it would be beneficial to hang up, turn the music down and look around to see why the other drivers are pulling over, rather than pass those stopping on the shoulder. Also, if there is an accident where emergency vehicles are in the road, it is the driver's responsibility to reduce their car's speed or stop until it is clear to pass through the accident scene. In the past, problems have been caused by drivers looking to see what is going on at the scene rather than watching and reacting to the emergency personnel.

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Disaster Plan

We at the police department have been working with regional community agencies to design different types of disaster plans. These plans are formatted for natural and planned terrorist type disasters and one reoccurring dilemma keeps coming up. How do we notify everyone and make sure everyone is taken care of? There are a lot of overwhelming cursory answers that don't always cover the minute details. The bottom line is we will need to go door to door to assure all people are taken care of. This job can be less complex if we in our neighborhoods can assist and look out for each other.

This idea is not one of the steadfast line items of a disaster plan but more of a conceptual contemplation. We feel if people understand what we are trying to accomplish, everyone would assist and help take care of each other.

If you have a neighbor whom you know could use some help during a trying time reach out and give your assistance. We would like you to take a minute and think about this; if there was a snowstorm that left three feet of snow and the power was out, who else in your neighborhood besides your family would need help? Your knowledge of the needs of the individual homeowners of your specific neighborhood would expedite our neighborhood canvassing and help make sure everyone stays safe.

Yorkville Citizens Police Academy XII

We are currently planning another Citizens Police Academy and are now recruiting new participants.

Are you interested in how the judicial system works? Have you ever wondered why the police department has to put handcuffs on people when they're placed under arrest? What happens to the person afterwards? How does the system work and is it the same in every county?

If you have had questions like this and would like to meet the people that make our judicial system work within Kendall County, this is the class for you.

The 13-week program meets one day out of the week at 6:30 – 9:30 pm. There will be several field trips including Kendall County Corrections, and the Kendall County Coroner's Office. This is a great time to personally meet the people that work for you.

We would like to start our next class in March but this totally depends on how many people sign up. The class needs a minimum of 15 participants to implement the academy. The academy is for anyone who lives in Yorkville or works within the Yorkville school district boundaries. Applications can be downloaded at www.yorkville.il.us. For more information regarding our next class please contact Barry Groesch at 553-8511.

Emergency Kit

As police officers, we attempt to be prepared for whatever emergency we get called to. Part of this preparation is having the right equipment. This same mindset is needed for anyone who drives in winter conditions.

What extra items would be handy if you stalled or got stuck in a remote place during a snowstorm? An extra storage bin in your trunk with warm gloves, a silver emergency blanket, a flashlight with extra batteries, and a small first aid kit would be basic essentials.

You can get as elaborate as you would like. Other items could include a candle and matches or some nonperishable food items like self-opening canned goods or small packages of fruit-flavored candy.

These items would assist you until help arrived. Remember if you keep your vehicle running you need to make sure your exhaust is clear of debris and leave your window cracked for ventilation. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent killer. Hypothermia (rapid loss of body temperature) can happen to anyone so be prepared for the worst conditions.

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City Ordinances & Information:

www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:

www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com