

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Employees

This month's featured employee is Officer Scott Fiandalo.

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Officer Fiandalo's first career interest has always been law enforcement, but he started out in sales for six years before completing his career goal. After graduating from Northern Illinois University in 1996 and completing his degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology, his temporary sales job carried him through to his marriage and starting a family.

Officer Fiandalo started reassessing his life-long goals and was able to get back on track by starting his career objective to become a police officer. Officer Fiandalo feels compelled to give back some of the benefits that he has received from society.

There are several areas of law enforcement that Officer Fiandalo is interested in pursuing, including the Kendall County Special Response Team (SRT) and Investigations.

Officer Fiandalo has several hobbies including participating in a volleyball league and is a sports car enthusiast working his way into the drivers seat. Help us welcome one of our newest police officers.

Inside Yorkville

The United City of Yorkville has produced a cable talk show on Fox Valley Television entitled *Inside Yorkville*. The show is co-hosted by Sergeant Barry Groesch and Community Relations Director Glory Spies.

We have been airing the talk show for approximately one year and have had different guests that deal strictly with Yorkville government. We try to go on scene for a portion of the broadcast to give the viewer first hand knowledge of what we do. This can be from the inspection level of engineering to what's coming to Yorkville of the way of businesses. There have been segments involving the police department and all other entities of the city.

Creating and hosting the *Inside Yorkville* show has been entertaining and even informative to us. Fellow city employees rarely have the opportunity to analyze and have knowledge of what other employees do for the city. The amount of highly trained and talented staff that the city has is impressive.

We invite you to search your station directory or check the web at www.fvtv.info for further information and watch *Inside Yorkville*.

Parking after Snowfall

There are hundreds of ordinances that have been written and adopted by the united city of Yorkville. These laws have been enacted to help

make our city safe for all involved.

There are two particular Yorkville rules that I would like to describe that are winter specific. One is parking on the roadway after the snow has arrived. The following is verbatim from ordinance entitled *Additional Parking Prohibitions: 2002-33 Sec. 6-2-3G*.

1. There shall be no parking on any streets in the united city of Yorkville, except for emergency vehicles during emergencies, after a snowfall of more than two inches (2").
2. There shall be no parking on any city street in the united city of Yorkville after a two inch (2") snowfall for twenty four (24) hours after the snowfall has ended.
3. The public works department is directed to prepare and install signs throughout the community regarding this subsection G.
4. Violation of this subsection G shall result in a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine per occurrence.
5. Additionally, the city shall further be allowed the right to tow any illegally parked vehicle and to assess to the owner or driver of said vehicle any and all reasonable towing charges as are billed to the city.

During our last snowfall the police department had to tow several vehicles, which is an added expense to the owner and very time consuming project for the police department.

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Traffic Corner

There are a few new laws that were enacted as of January 1, 2008. There are many changes for permitted 15 year old drivers such as teens need to hold their permit for a minimum of nine months before applying for an initial license. The teen must not be sentenced for any moving violations during these nine months.

Most importantly regarding teen driving laws: any teen under 19 years old can not use a cell phone while driving unless there is an emergency and the teen is contacting law enforcement or emergency services.

For the first year of licensing, the number of passengers a driver can have is limited to one person under the age of twenty. If these others passengers are family members, child, or step child, the number of passengers can be increased.

For drivers that are 16 and 17 years old, nighttime driving is restricted from Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. and from Friday through Saturday 11:00p.m. -6:00 a.m.

There are also stricter penalties that have gone into effect for offenses such as passing a stopped school bus, driving while license revoked, failure to stop or yield for pedestrians in right-of-way areas and leaving the scene of an accident.

Medication Disposal

Remember, we have the ability to dispose of all of your unwanted drugs. Do not pollute, bring them to the Yorkville Police Department where the EPA will dispose of them responsibly. The office is open from 8:00AM-5:00PM. Any questions please contact Sgt. Barry Groesch 630 553-8511.

Colder Temperatures are here- Now What?

The Yorkville Police Department works with several different community partners and one of those partnerships are with Rush-Copley Medical Center.

Alan S. Rosenberg, M.D., is Medical Director of Emergency Services and has addressed several issues regarding the colder temperatures and what special precautions should be taken against the outdoors. Here are a few of his suggestions that were taken from *Stay Informed* a Rush-Copley publication.

During the cold weather season, it's important to know how to protect yourself from potential cold weather hazards.

When you're exposed to the cold, the first line of defense is to wear loose-fitting clothing and dress in layers. Since nearly half of the body's heat can escape through the surface of the head and neck, it is important to wear a hat and scarf. This can help prevent frostbite and hypothermia.

Keep hydrated- Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

Dress properly- Wear outer clothing that shields the wind and sun from your skin. Cold and windy air causes a wind-chill effect that is much colder and more dangerous than the outside temperature.

Eat light- A snack before going out in the cold is better than a heavy meal, which requires a large blood flow to the gastrointestinal system to aid digestion. The digestive process may prevent warm blood from circulating to your fingers and toes. Save the heavier meal for when you are safely back inside.

Avoid alcohol- Alcohol causes your body to lose heat, in addition to contributing to dehydration.

Ask about your medication- Inquire with your physician if any of the medications you take can make you more susceptible to a cold weather illness.



On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com