

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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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.

"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 to accomplish this could be 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. To obtain more information regarding the ICE program, visit www.ice.illinois.gov.



Snow Ordinances

The Yorkville's Police and Public Works departments would like to remind Yorkville residents of parking ordinances in place during the winter season.

Parking is prohibited on any streets in Yorkville, except for emergency vehicles during emergencies, after a snowfall of more than two inches. Parking is not allowed on any city street in Yorkville after a two inch snowfall for 24 hours after the snowfall has ended.

Violations may result in a \$50 fine per occurrence. The city retains the right to tow any illegally parked vehicle and to assess to the owner any and all reasonable towing charges as are billed to the city.

When shoveling your driveway and sidewalks, do not deposit snow onto the streets. A direct hazard could be attributed to these actions, not only in criminal charges but in civil litigation if an individual is injured following these actions. Violations may result in a \$50 fine. Any Yorkville inspector, employee, officer, or citizen observing a violation should notify the Yorkville Police Department.

Please be considerate of the police and public works departments' time and expenses, and make the winter season a little less hazardous for everyone by keeping the streets clear for the plows to move through.

Please call 630-553-4340 with any questions regarding these ordinances.

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Kendall Triad Senior Knox-Box Program

The Kendall Triad is excited to announce a new program for Kendall County seniors. This program assists seniors in obtaining a Knox-Box for their residence.

A Knox-Box is a security box that holds keys to the residence that fire personnel can obtain access to. Each respective fire department in Kendall County is registered with the Knox-Box Corporation that entitles them to their own security key. A business or resident can purchase a Knox-Box that would be registered to their fire protection district and could be utilized by them for emergency entry.

The Senior Knox-Box program is financed by a local business that wanted to give back to the seniors of Kendall County. This very generous business called Key Strokes Transcription Service has bequeathed \$15,000.00 to our cause to supply a hundred Knox-Boxes.

The program is also partnered with our local fire departments who have agreed to install the Knox-Box to any senior residence within their respective jurisdiction in Kendall County. The fire departments compassion towards our seniors is equal to Key Strokes Transcription Service.

There is an application packet that the participant can request or obtain from Senior Services at the Beecher Community Building or from the Yorkville or Oswego Police

Departments. This packet includes a very simple application and criteria of who can apply. The packet also has a waiver of liability and a Knox-Box Corporation informational sheet describing what a Knox-Box is.

The basic criteria is the applicant must own their own home and a senior is classified as anyone who is 65 years of age or older.

This is a new program and orders will be taken for the equipment needed. There will probably be at least a three week delay before the fire department will receive the box and work order. This is something that will take time that equates to 6-8 weeks before installation can be completed.

The only item that the applicant will need to supply is a key to their front door that will be placed into the Knox-Box. If the program is successful further contributions will be solicited.

The Knox-Box is strong, clean looking and will be permanently mounted to your residence, but the most important aspect, it could save your life. Call the Yorkville Police Department at 630 553-8511 or Senior Services at 630 553-5777 to obtain your application packet.



Resident Park Patrol

The Superintendent of Parks, Scott Sleezer is again requesting some help from all Neighborhood Watch participants. During the winter months many of the parks are not being used due to weather conditions, but damage and misuse can still happen. In fact because the parks are more desolate some older kids may hang out and misuse or damage the equipment.

If you see someone abusing your parks please do not hesitate to contact the police. If you also notice any damage due to a tree falling or some other Mother Nature destruction please call the Parks Department at (630) 553-4370.

Remember no matter what time of the year it is the parks close at dusk. Thanks for caring and giving your extra attention to this matter.



On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com