

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Explorer Post 1155

Do you know a 14-21 year old girl or boy who is interested in our judicial system and in high adventure? The Kendall County Criminal Justice Explorer Post 1155 is just the organization for them. We meet two times a month on the first and third Thursdays at the Kendall County Safety Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and continues for approximately 1-1/2 hours.

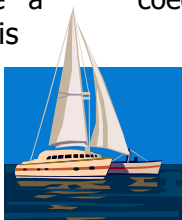
For our next trip, scheduled this month, we will be traveling to Cascade Mountain Ski Resort in Wisconsin. This overnight trip is designed for people who like to ski and for those who just like to get away and do something different. The members who don't ski can plan different activities that may include a movie or some other point of interest.



Our main event takes place during the summer approximately every other year. The usual trip is an 8-day sailboat adventure in Florida. Our next trip is being scheduled on a 50 foot catamaran where we will sail in the Bahamas.



Explorers are a coed program that is part of the Boy Scouts. If you know someone who may be interested, have them contact Sergeant Barry Groesch at 630-553-8511.



Services Rendered

Recently two of our officers were called out on a special detail that they are specifically trained for. The Joliet Police Department was very happy with their help and wrote a thank-you letter. The following is a portion of that letter.

Dear Officer Jeff Johnson and K-9 O'neil,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the two of you for helping in the bomb search at our high school.

During a roll call session, one of our Detectives suggested contacting ATF for advice or assistance. The response we received was tremendous. The advice received was to have several K-9s search the building for any possible devices. There were five K-9 Officers and their partners that responded. With this type of assistance, the building was thoroughly searched within a short period of time.

After the search we felt confident that the school was secure and safe for the children that would attend the next day.

In closing, I would again like to thank you for sharing some of your expertise with us in searching for devices. I was speechless when I found out that five handlers and their partners arrived to assist. The City of Joliet is grateful that you shared your skills with us in order to protect our children. An all around success thanks in great part to you, Officer Johnson and K-9 O'neil.

Lt. Rich Demick

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.

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Image Grant

The Yorkville Police Department completed the first of five phases of a traffic safety grant known as the IMAge (Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement) Program. This first phase, Thanksgiving Campaign, began November 13th, 2009 and concluded on November 29th, 2009. During this campaign, the following citations were issued; 60 Seatbelt Citations, 2 Warrant Arrests, 2 Suspended/Revoked Driver Arrests, 13 Uninsured Motorists Citations, 59 Speeding Citations and 2 Drug Arrests.

The IMAge Program is designed to inform and educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving, speeding, and the non-use of safety belts and child safety restraints, and allows the department to increase the enforcement of these laws by hiring back officers on overtime specifically to enforce these violations. The IMAge Program is funded by Illinois Department of Transportation.

Sergeant Dave Delany is our traffic sergeant that handles all aspects of traffic enforcement. This includes writing grants, overweight truck enforcement, and in all traffic enforcement facets to make our roadways safer in Yorkville. Sergeant Delany' initiative, knowledge and innovation are commendable.

For more information, please contact the Yorkville Police Department at (630)553-4340.

"ICE" Your Cell Phone

We have brought this information to you before, but feel it is important. 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.

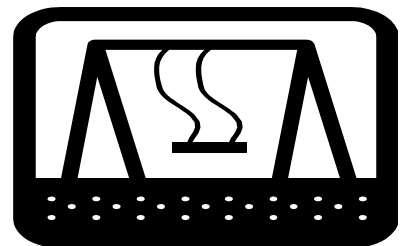


Resident Park Patrol

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