

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

June 2007

Meet Our Employees

Our employee this month is the new four-legged partner of Officer Jeleniewski named Joda (pronounced "Yoda").

Officer Jeleniewski & Joda



Joda is a two-year-old black German Shepard that was obtained through Securitas Incorporated of Chicago. Joda and his partner have been in extensive training for over three months. Along with both Joda and Officer Jeleniewski learning their duties as a canine unit, this training helped form an important bond between them.

Joda has been trained to protect his partner and also can detect drugs and track suspects or lost/missing people. Their partnership continues on a civilian level through their living arrangements where this extended relationship turns to a strong family bond.

On Joda's days off he enjoys playing, swimming, and eating, but his ultimate excitement in life is when he is working. We are truly lucky to have him.

Reverse 911 System

The Kencom Public Safety Center has implemented a reverse 911 system designed to provide emergency notification of man-made and natural disasters to residents and businesses in Kendall County. The system will warn of emergency situations such as chemical spills, gas leaks, terrorism and hostage situations, as well as environmental disasters such as fires, floods, dangerous water conditions and water safety alerts. Kencom has contracted with the emergency Communications Network, Inc of Ormond Beach, Florida to provide its "CodeRED" high speed telephone reverse 911 emergency notification service. The reverse 911 system gives the Kencom staff the ability to deliver prerecorded emergency telephone notifications and informational messages to either targeted areas or the entire county at the rate of 60,000 calls per hour.

The reverse 911 system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system works for cell phones as long as they are registered to your home or business address within Kendall County. People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone numbers also need to change their address in the database.

To ensure no one is omitted from the system, all residents and businesses are urged to log onto the Kendall County Website at www.co.kendall.il.us and follow the link to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page. Those without Internet may obtain the Residential and Business Data Collection Form at the Yorkville Police Department.

Rumors

Recently, some information was spread throughout the area that concerned many parents. The specific incident occurred in one of our subdivisions when the local school bus was unloading. Two kids got off and walked to their respective homes. There was a white Lincoln in poor condition in the area slowly driving around prior to the kids arriving. The two occupants did not talk to the girls but appeared to be looking for an address. The Lincoln then drove into one of the cul-de-sacs and parked in front of a house near to where one of the girls lived. The girl was already in her residence when the car drove up.

The parent called Kencom the next day and gave the information about the suspicious vehicle, but did not want to talk to an officer.



This information was then obtained by other people where an e-mail frenzy started and a full panic followed.

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The concern was the distribution of inaccurate information through our community, leading to the use of the reverse 911 system. If you have questions regarding an incident please contact your local police.

Dog Nuisance

We have been experiencing several complaints regarding barking dogs. Especially with windows open, a dog that is barking continuously can quickly become a nuisance.

What can you do without being known as the neighborhood demon? If you are having a problem, your neighborhood is having a problem, and it should be addressed as the same. Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captain and give your concerns in a non-emotional but assertive manner. This issue should then be brought up at your next block meeting, along with other concerns in your neighborhood. The police department can also

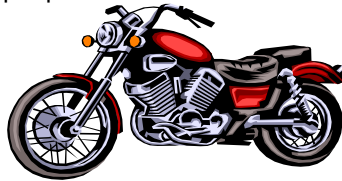
be contacted to have a representative at your meeting to help explain the ordinance and state laws regarding your concerns.



Your first step is to approach this problem as a neighborhood, not as an individual. By working as a team, it is possible to solve neighborhood problems without creating any hard feelings.

Traffic Corner

Since the weather is getting warmer, this is the time of year when the number of motorcycles on the road increases greatly. With the increase of motorcycles, all motorists need to be more aware of vehicles around them. Motorcycles are harder to see than a regular car. For this reason, please be courteous of motorcycles and give them appropriate distance for safety.



Now to discuss motorcycle laws. A law that seems to be obvious, but some motorcyclists choose to ignore, is operation of a motorcycle on one wheel. This is illegal for safety reasons to those who are riding the motorcycle as well as those who are driving around the individual. It is dangerous and easy to lose control.

Another law that is worth noting is that the driver and passengers of a motorcycle must wear glasses, goggles, or have a transparent shield to protect the vision of those riding.

Another law makes it legal for motorcycle riders to use intercom helmets. These helmets are worn by both driver and passenger of a motorcycle and are a way for both individuals to communicate with each other while driving.

Finally, concerning passengers on a motorcycle, a

passenger must ride on a motorcycle equipped with a passenger seat as well as equipped with footrests to be used by the passenger.

Citizens Police Academy XII

The Yorkville Police Department would like to congratulate our 12th Citizens Police Academy for completing the thirteen-session class.

The participants were able to meet with numerous county officials including the States Attorney Eric Weis, Deputy Coroner Jacquie Marcellis, Special Response Team Commander Rich Hart, and Kencom Dispatcher Don Race, just to name a few. They also participated in presentations from our Canine Officers Dan Pleckham and Jeff Johnson, Kendall County Corrections, Deputy Mike Dean, and Gang Intelligence Officer Andrew Jeleniewski.

This program benefits all parties involved; it helps citizens learn about the judicial process and it allows the presenters to build relationships with citizens.

Look for our next class to begin in fall of 2007.

On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:

www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:

www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

