

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

March 2006

Meet Our Employees

This month's featured officer is Sergeant Rich Hart.

Sergeant Rich Hart



Sgt. Hart has been with the Yorkville Police Department for thirteen years, attaining the rank of sergeant during his ninth year. Prior to his employment in Yorkville he worked at the Kendall County Sheriff's Department for three years as a deputy.

Sgt. Hart has a broad scope of military knowledge that propelled his leadership talent. His vast understanding of management and skill of military tactics allowed him to work his way through the ranks and eventually assume command of our Kendall County Special Response Team.

Sgt. Hart's repertoire also includes a stint as a liaison officer for the Yorkville High School and he continues as a Range Officer where he teaches his fellow officers the finer skills of shooting.

Sgt. Hart is also a Team Leader for Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), weapons of mass destruction special response team.

Sgt. Hart is completing his Bachelor's degree through Northwood University and should have his diploma in May. He also enjoys spending time with his family and outdoor activities.

Facts on Youth and Alcohol

Here are a few disturbing statistics:

- In the United States alone, alcohol kills more kids than all illegal drugs combined.
- 1 in 5 8th graders is a current drinker.
- Girls are now drinking at the same rate as boys.
- Almost 75% of 7th graders who drink alcohol obtain it from their parents with or without their knowledge.

Meeting and keeping in communication with your child's friends' parents is one way to help know what your child is doing when away from home.

This information was provided by, FACE, (Resources, Training & Action on Alcohol Issues). For further information contact www.faceproject.org.

Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Class

We are now accepting applications for our next Citizens Police Academy, to be held in Spring of 2006. The class will be limited to twenty-five participants and will be held one day a week for thirteen weeks. Certificates of completion will be presented at the end of the class.

The classes have become popular gatherings to learn the inner workings of your local judicial system. The two and half hour presentations will give you detailed information about a variety of topics. These will include the State's Attorney's Office, Probation and Kendall County Corrections. We will discuss other aspects of law enforcement such as the Special

Response Team (SRT) and Cooperative Police Assistance Team (CPAT). Some of our officers will be giving demonstrations on self defense and the proper techniques of making traffic stops.

If you live in the Yorkville School District's boundaries or work in Yorkville, you are eligible to participate in this unique class. There is no cost for the class. If you have questions about this program, please contact the Yorkville Police Department at 630 553-4340. Applications may be picked up at the police department or are available online at www.yorkville.il.us/police.htm and click on "Forms & Applications".

Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Alumni

The Yorkville Police Department has sanctioned an organization of graduates from the Citizens Police Academy, known as the Yorkville Citizens Police Academy Alumni (CPAA).

The alumni association was founded in 1999 and has assisted the Yorkville Police Department and the United City of Yorkville. Members participate in a program called "Night Owl". During these citizen patrol outings, they have assisted the police department many times by acting as extra sets of eyes. There are also continuing education classes and field trips.

If you are a past graduate of the Citizens Police Academy and wish to join the alumni association, please leave a message at 630-553-8599 extension 7000 and someone will contact you.

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Crimewatch

February 1 through February 28, 2006

Location	Description of Incident
1100 block of Sunset Ave	A garage door was damaged when an object was thrown at it.
300 block of West Kendall Dr	A refrigerator and alcohol were stolen from a residence.
300 block of West Center St	Landscaping lights were damaged.
600 block of Freemont St	Several CD's were stolen from a parked vehicle.
1400 block of Chestnut Ln	A cellular phone and speakers were stolen from an unlocked vehicle.
1300 block of Chestnut Ln	A stereo faceplate and other items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle.
Area of Strawberry Ln & Countryside Pkwy	A vehicle window was broken by a possible BB while driving in the area.
300 block of Walter St	A window of a parked vehicle was broken.
400 block of Jackson St	A parked vehicle was hit with paintballs. No damage was done.
1200 block of North Bridge St	An unattended purse was stolen, but later recovered.
800 block of McHugh Rd	While parked, unlocked, a CD player and other items were stolen from a vehicle.
700 block of Heartland Dr	A door lock was damaged when entry was attempted into an area residence.
300 block of North Bridge St	Hubcaps were stolen from parked vehicles.
300 block of Mulhern Ct	A window of a parked vehicle was broken by an unknown object.
1000 block of Dalton Ave	A video game system and accessories were stolen from an area residence.
1300 block of North Bridge St	DVD's and video games were stolen from an area business.
2000 block of Ingemunson Ln	Damage was done a residence under construction when unknown persons attempted to steal appliances.
1400 block of North Bridge St	Fuel was pumped and not paid for at a local gas station.
700 block of Game Farm Rd	Currency and an MP3 player were stolen.
4500 block of Marquette St	Various building materials were stolen from a construction site.

Location	Description of Incident
700 block of Game Farm Rd	A cellular phone was stolen after being left unattended.
1800 block of Marketview Dr	Various damage was done to a parked vehicle.
Area of Rt. 47 & Cannonball Tr	Large signs posted in the area were stolen.

Myths & Facts About Marijuana

The Yorkville Police Department officer's have recently made an unusually high amount of arrests for marijuana possession by our youth. With that in mind we thought this information might be interesting.

Myth: You can't get addicted to marijuana.

Fact: Don't be fooled by popular beliefs. Kids can get hooked on pot. Research shows that marijuana use can lead to addiction. Each year, more kids enter treatment with a primary diagnosis of marijuana dependence than all other illicit drugs combined.

For more information in regards to the myths & facts about marijuana go to www.theantidrug.com.

Child Safety Seat Installation

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reminds us:

"The instructions that come with your child's safety seat and in your vehicle's owner's manual show you how to install your child's safety seat correctly. Once the seat is installed, check it by firmly pulling at the base of the child seat, at the safety belt path, from side to side and forward. The seat should not move more than one inch in any direction."

If you need help installing your child's safety seat or are unsure if the seat is installed correctly, please call the Yorkville Police Department at 630-553-4340 to find out when an officer certified in child safety seat installation is available.

On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State: www.cyberdriveillinois.com