

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

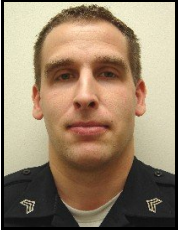
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Employee Promotions

We have recently had two promotions. Officer Sam Stroup and Officer Barry Groesch have been promoted to sergeant.

Sgt. Stroup



Sgt. Groesch



The promotions took place on September 25, 2007 during a city council meeting.

The procedure to become promoted entails a testing process that includes a written test and an interview by the Yorkville Police and Fire Commission, along with points obtained by the biannual evaluation procedure completed internally at the police department. A list is prepared and when a position has been warranted the next person on the list is promoted.

The two sergeants positions filled were due to the retirements of Sgt. Ron Diederich and Sgt. Greg Sibenaller.

Sgt. Sam Stroup will fill a road shift position and Sgt. Barry Groesch will be the supervisor to the department's community policing endeavors.

Both newly appointed sergeants are going through training and are looking forward to continuing the high standards that have been a traditional legacy instilled by the Yorkville Police Department.

Solicitors & Hawkers

We have been receiving several inquiries regarding our laws governing people who come to your door and try to sell you something. The questions range from if they have to be licensed and if they can come on my property.

The United City of Yorkville does have an ordinance that regulates the activity of door to door sales people. All solicitors or hawkers have to be licensed through the city which entails a fee, background check, and information regarding the company that they are representing. The sales person has to carry their license with them and produce it when asked.

The chief of police has the option to waive registration requirements because of "personal familiarity with the individual or groups"; this is where scout groups and school fundraising programs can be exempt.

A child under the age of fourteen must be accompanied by an adult in order to solicit in the city. The hours of selling are set at Monday-Friday 9:00AM-8:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM. If the aforementioned laws are not adhered to a citation for the first offense is \$35.00 and every subsequent fine will be assessed at \$500.00.

A notice regulating soliciting can be placed in your window and must be a minimum size of 3"x4" card stating NO SOLICITORS INVITED.

Traffic Corner

A seemingly minor traffic offense that can cause accidents as well as frustration is turn signals. Either the over use of one or the individual who does not use one at all can result in crashes.

Driving down the interstate and seeing an individual who is seemingly oblivious that their turn signal is flashing and clicking cause a traffic hazard. Other drivers might see the turn signal and assume that the driver is turning and or switching lanes. When that driver does not turn, there is potential for a crash to occur.

A driver who refuses to use his or her turn signal can potentially cause crashes. An individual who slows to make a turn, but who does not use a turn signal slows greatly. Other drivers do not realize an individual is coming to a complete stop to turn unless the driver uses their signal to indicate as much. Also, some people feel that they do not have to use their signals in a parking lot. To be courteous to other drivers around you, make sure if someone is waiting to turn or enter a lane of traffic, you indicate as to where you intend to go so the other driver does not have to wait on you.

Turn signals may seem like a bother, but in the long run they provide a way to communicate your direction intention to others.

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Energy Drinks

There is a growing market for energy drinks and they are zeroing in on our youth. When you think about it, Energy Drinks and Youth don't make a lot of sense. Our youth are the ones who have the most energy, why do they need more?

Most energy drinks are high in sugar content, along with water, vitamins, minerals, caffeine, and/or some other type of stimulant. The high level of sugar means the water is absorbed into the body more slowly than with low- or no-sugar drinks, increasing the dehydrating effect. The vitamins and minerals advertised in some energy drinks are already supplied through a good, nutritious diet. There is no need for supplemental doses of these nutrients unless prescribed by a doctor.

Depending on brand, energy drinks can contain up to three to four means of stimulant (caffeine) or sedatives. There can be Guarana (caffeine-like stimulant from Brazil), Taurine (stimulant), Mate (caffeine-like), or Kava Kava (traditional Polynesian sedative).

The bottom line, caffeine is a drug and should be treated as the same. There is no reason why an already energy filled youth needs to take a foreign substance to continue energy that his/her body has exhausted. This is the time the body is telling you to sleep and reenergize.

Senior Police Academy

We are proud to announce that a second Senior Police Academy is going to take place on Wednesday, October 24th at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. This conference will take place from 8:00 AM to 3 PM with thirty different sessions.

Rush Copley Hospital, Panera Bread, and Old Second Bank are sponsoring this year's conference and as usual it is free to the first 125 Kendall County Seniors who register.

Each participant will receive a gift cloth tote bag filled with items donated by local merchants. One of the item ideas came from our evaluations last year, there were several comments regarding the density of the seats. Rush Copley Hospital graciously donated seat cushions that will be placed in the gift bags.

We have also obtained a second working police partner in the Oswego Police Department.



We will have the same format as last year that includes a class passport that monitors all classes attended which enters the participant in the numerous door prizes that have been collected.

Call by October 12th to Senior Services at (630) 553-5777 to register.

Avoiding Deer

While November is the month with the highest risk for a vehicle-deer collision, such accidents can happen any time of the year, and the effects can be costly according to the National Safety Council. Here are some tips from the Department of Transportation.

- When you spot a deer, watch for more. Deer frequently travel in groups.
- Know that deer are nocturnal and often travel at dawn and at dusk. Many deer-vehicle crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m.
- Do not swerve into another lane to avoid striking a deer. It is better to strike a deer than another vehicle or fixed object.
- If you hit a deer, call 911 and wait for assistance from law enforcement personnel.

The best way to prepare for animal encounters is to be conscious of the possible altercation at any time.

On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com