

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Meet Our Employees

One of our newer officers began his career at our department. We would like to welcome Officer Tom Grimes.

Officer Tom Grimes



Officer Grimes formable years during his youth were spent in Elgin. From there he continued his education at Western Illinois University completing his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice graduating in 2007. But talking to Officer Grimes you may believe his true education happened before his college life.

Officer Grimes spent four years of his life as a United States Marine (1998-2002) serving during Operation Enduring Freedom in the Afghanistan Campaign on the front lines.

When returning to civilian life Officer Grimes started working toward his career goal of becoming a police officer. He completed college and started applying at police departments. Officer Grimes was hired by Yorkville and sent to the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage to obtain his Police Training Institute credentials.

Officer Grimes' interest in law enforcement lay in the Special Response Team (SRT) and working as a K9 handler.

Young Drivers 16 or 18?

Motor-vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for young people 15–20 years old. In 2003 (the latest year available), according to a National Safety Council analysis of National Center for Health Statistics mortality data, 6,543 young people died in crashes. More than half of them (56%) were drivers.

In 2005, 7,460 young drivers were involved in fatal crashes and 1.7 million were involved in police-reported crashes of all severities according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data. Young drivers represent 6.3% of all licensed drivers but 12.6% of drivers in fatal crashes and 16% of drivers in all crashes. In 2005, 3,467 young drivers were killed in crashes and another 281,000 were injured.

Twenty percent of young drivers involved in fatal crashes had been drinking. Four percent had a BAC between .01 and .07 g/dL and 16% were intoxicated (BAC .08 or greater). Of those who were fatally injured, 23% were intoxicated.

Source: National Center for Statistics and Analysis. (2006). Traffic Safety Facts 2005.

There is talk about changing the legal age of obtaining a drivers license. The

age in question is 16 to 18. With the statistics that have been gathered isn't our obligation as adults to make sure our kids are safe?

Halloween Safety & Hours

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)

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- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your face.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

More information about [Health and Safety Services](#).



The United City of Yorkville Halloween hours have been set at 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Have fun and be careful.

Yorkville Middle School

This year the new Yorkville Middle School is now located at 920 Prairie Crossing in the Raintree subdivision. The building is two hundred and thirteen thousand square feet with approximately sixty five classrooms and twenty five offices. It has an auditorium that seats six hundred and eight while the cafeteria can seat three hundred students. Each grade level has three core teams for the seven hundred and ninety students that are enrolled. The students are able to use a new fitness center with thirty fitness stations during P.E. The art room has two kilns for three dimension art. There are three computer labs with approximately four hundred computers in the building. The applied technology room has twenty seven modules. Some areas of the building are green. The lighting system is set to shut down in classrooms where motion is not detected for twenty minutes. The power source to the building shuts down during the night. The parking lot holds approximately two hundred parking spaces. It's exciting to be in this new building and share it with students and staff. This is my third year as a school resource officer in the Yorkville Middle School. I provide guidance for students, security, and teach D.A.R.E.

Senior Police Academy Conference

Our third Yorkville/Oswego Senior Police Academy Conference will be held October 29th at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. The conference registration will start at 8:00 AM with the opening commencing at 8:45 AM with the first class starting at 9:00 AM.

We are proud to offer twenty-five different speakers at this years conference that has been entitled "Empowering Seniors". We have included a new element to this year's conference that was suggested through the 2007 evaluations; "Cooking for Two". We have Chef Darrel Anderson teaching a session and Anne Lietz from the University of Illinois teaching a section on cooking healthy for two.

Other classes will include health, safety, and legal matters. Call Senior Services at 630 553-5777 to receive a registration form to see what classes you want to register for. There will be door prizes and a free meal from Subway at the conference

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