

# YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

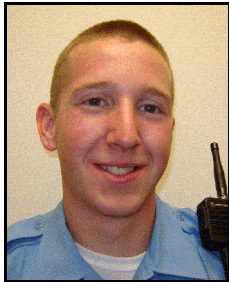
## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### Meet Our Employee

Our Cadet program is growing with our newest cadet Jordan Kurtz.

Cadet Jordan Kurtz



Cadet Kurtz is obviously motivated in his career choice. His schedule includes attending Waubensee Community College while working at the Yorkville Police Department.

Jordan is a graduate of Sandwich High School and has worked local jobs while anticipating a career in law enforcement. This career choice is not unique in his family because his brother and also a cousin have chosen the same path.

Cadet Kurtz will obtain a vast amount of knowledge while completing his duties. His job description includes working closely with the public through vehicle lockouts, minor accidents, basic desk reports, and an array of other duties. The paperwork and logistics of the job come rather quickly; the true knowledge starts by building a foundation of how to interact with different personalities when you're in an authoritative position.

We would like to welcome Jordan to the Yorkville Police Department.

### Kendall County Animal Control Facility

We had a N/W Quarterly Captains Meeting recently and our guest speaker was Kendall County Animal Warden Christine Johnson. Her job is very interesting and she is always looking for volunteers. The following is a request from her.

Kendall County Animal Control is in need of many volunteers to fill a variety of roles. Responsible persons of all ages are needed to assist Facility personnel with care and feeding of the animals. These duties include cleaning cages and runs, walking the dogs, or just visiting with the animals under our care. Additionally, assistance with various fund raising efforts is welcome. The Kendall County Animal Control Facility collects aluminum cans for recycling. If you were able to volunteer, even an hour a week, our visiting animals would deeply appreciate it.



For further information you can contact the Kendall County Animal Control Facility at (630) 553-9256 or visit their Website at <http://www.petfinder.com>. They are located at 802 John Street Yorkville, behind the Kendall County Safety Center.

### Scams

There have been numerous scams that attempt to lure money from unsuspecting subjects. These cons are designed to let the "mark" believe that they are going to have an opportunity to take advantage of a loophole within the financial bureaucracy. Maybe even have a chance at making that big money, like the millionaires do when they move funds from one foreign financial institution to another.

There might be a problem with taxes and if the scam artist can work on your sense of injustice through our internal revenue system, maybe they can skew your thought process enough where you will not think clearly and start believing what they are preaching.

These people are very good at what they do and work on any injustice you may have perceived real or unconsciously fabricated during your navigation of life's highway.

I have been trying to stay away from the "G" word, but there is no way around it. People have a tendency of being greedy and that is what the con men thrive on, your sense of getting something for nothing.

What's the lesson here, if it sounds too good to be true, stay away from it. If something like this gravitates to you, please call your local police department to report it. You may have been wise enough to stay away, but there is always the next target.

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### Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Class

The Yorkville Police Department is excited to announce the scheduling of our thirteenth Citizen's Police Academy. If you are interested to learn more about your government, this is the class for you. It is always nice to meet these people before you need them, to have a personable relationship before you need their services.

The class will begin in September and continue for thirteen weeks. The day of the class could be either Monday or Wednesday; this will be determined by general consensus of the participants.

The majority of the classes will be at Yorkville High Schools large instruction room, but if there are conflicting schedules we will be at Yorkville Middle School. There will also be three scheduled field trips to local agencies. The classes are from 6:30-9:00 PM or you could be dismissed earlier if the instructor completes their information. You will never be asked to stay later, but I have to tell you, the evaluations that are completed exclaim that there was not enough time per session.

The classes are open to people who are eighteen years of age or older who work in Yorkville or live within the Yorkville School districts boundaries. The classes are free and applications can be obtained from the police department or on line at [www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us).

### Traffic Corner

One of the biggest pet peeves for drivers is following too closely. This action can cause everything from minor annoyance to road rage. Following too closely is dangerous and causes accidents. While investigating an accident, I once had someone become defensive when I inquired whether he was following too closely and that was the cause of the accident (he had rear-ended someone). The individual stated to me that he had looked down for just a second and when he looked up, he was striking the vehicle in front of him. I attempted to explain that if looking down for a second would cause a crash that he was infact tailgating.

The Illinois Vehicle Code states: "the driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway". In simple terms, the two second rule most learned in driver's education applies when driving. The two second rule states that if one is following a vehicle, pick a stationary object to look at as the front vehicle passes; count one-one thousand and then two-one thousand. By the second count, one should be passing the stationary object. If you keep in mind that the drivers around you might break for reasons unseen by you, there will be less rear-ending.

### Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Kudos

The CPAA were called out on a missing child report. This is every parent's nightmare; a two-year-old child walked away from their parent while visiting the PNA camp and could not be located by the staff from the camp.

During the search and approximately 4 hours later and approximately 1 ½ miles from the original location the child was found lying along side a creek bed covered in mud. She was okay.

Excellent work Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, your group is a credit to the Yorkville Police Department, but more importantly a credit to the United City of Yorkville citizens.

If you're interested in joining this group join the next Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy.



### On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:  
[www.yorkville.il.us](http://www.yorkville.il.us)

Illinois Laws:  
[www.legis.state.il.us](http://www.legis.state.il.us)

Secretary of State:  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)