

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Medication Disposal

We have implemented a new countywide program through Kendall County TRIAD.

The Yorkville Police Department is now accepting expired or unused medication from Kendall County residents.

The philosophy behind this program is to get unused or expired medication out of the individual's homes and unsuspecting hands of children. There is also a possible security issue where a criminal type individual may want to obtain these substances to sell or ingest themselves. If that was not enough there is a huge environmental issue at stake.

We were always taught to dispose of these items by flushing them down the toilet not thinking that they would do any harm. Our sanitary districts do not clean for any type of medications. The processed water is discarded into our rivers where studies have shown our aquatic life and its DNA has been altered. This alteration is in the form of changing the sexes and creating more female than male fish.

We will accept medication during Yorkville Police Department business hours 8:00AM-5:00PM. We would like the items to be in their original container and if you would like you can mark your name off with a permanent marker. No sharps, needles, thermometers or open leaking containers will be permitted. For further information please contact Sergeant Groesch.

Yorkville Citizen's Police Academy Class

The Yorkville Police Department is excited to announce the scheduling of our fourteenth 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 obtain 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 the Yorkville Library conference 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.

School Crossing Guards

Directing traffic is one of law enforcement's most dangerous jobs.

Our crossing guards are not only looking out for the safety of the pedestrians, but they have to make sure you see them while you're maneuvering the streets.

We have four school crossing guards who work in Yorkville and they are considered police personnel. They are assigned to three high-traffic major thoroughfares and one is at a congested school- traffic city street. We try to keep our crossing guards as visual as possible by having them wear lime green traffic vests and have orange cones or pedestrian crossing signs posted near them.

Their job is to get our children across the road in a safe and trouble-free manner. Your patience and understanding of their responsibility is appreciated. If there was an issue with a vehicle, all crossing guards carry a pen and notepad and are encouraged to write down the description and license plate of the offending vehicle. An investigation will ensue where a ticket could be issued. We have also worked with the schools, specifically with the Yorkville High School, ascertaining if the offender is a student at that school. If it turns out that they are, parking privileges could be suspended.

Please pay special attention to our school crossing guards to make our streets safer for our children.

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Explorer Post 1155

Do you know a 14-21 year old male or female who is interested in our judicial system and in high adventure? The Kendall County Criminal Justice Explorer Post 1155 is just the organization for them. We meet two times a month on the first and third Thursdays at the Kendall County Safety Center. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM and continues for approximately 1½ hours.

One of our scheduled trips is in February, where we travel to Cascade Mountain Ski Resort in Wisconsin. This overnight trip is designed for people who like to ski and for those who just like to get away and do something different. The members who don't ski can plan different activities that may include a movie or some other point of interest.



Our main event will take place during the spring of 2009. We are planning an 8-day sailboat trip in Florida.



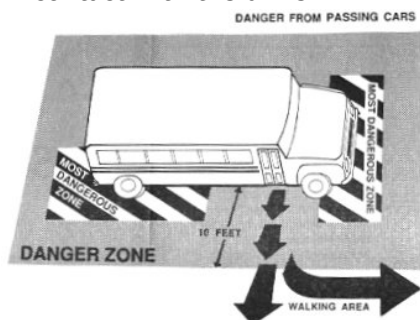
The explorer post is a coed program that is part of the Boy Scouts. If you know someone who may be interested, have them contact Sergeant Barry Groesch at 630-553-8511.

School Bus Safety Tips

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation in the nation; nearly 2,000 times safer than the family car.

Accidents are rare because school districts and the school bus contractors who serve them work hard to train drivers to avoid getting into accidents. Additionally, buses are designed to withstand all but the most serious crashes without death or serious injury.

Surprisingly, more children are hurt outside a bus than inside one. Children must be alerted to the danger zone around every yellow school bus, especially if they bend over to retrieve a dropped school paper, or walk too closely to the bus while crossing the street. Many school districts teach children to take five giant steps as soon as they leave the bus to escape that danger zone. If children need to cross the street after exiting the bus, schools teach them to cross in front of the bus and to be sure they are able to maintain eye contact with the driver.



Perhaps the most difficult thing to teach children, especially young children, is to not go back and pick up items they've dropped near the bus or left on the bus.

Work with your kids on these issues. Safety is everyone's concern.

Project ChildSafe Gun Locks

The Yorkville Police Department is a partner with the Project ChildSafe program whose sole purpose is to lock guns in an attempt to make them safe. The locks are free to the individual gun owner.



It is our belief that this type of prevention is one of the most important programs that we have been associated with. This simple procedure of placing a cable through the working mechanism of a gun and locking it can save a life of a curious child or careless adult who is not familiar or comfortable with guns. By doing this it does not preclude the owner to keep the gun in a safe place out of reach of a child or from a potential theft.

Contact the police department for further information 630-553-4340.

On the Web

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

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

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com