



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Our next meeting is set for **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 7:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker that evening will be our very own Detective Tom Burns. Tom primarily investigates juvenile related cases. He will explain to us how the basics of the Juvenile Justice System in Illinois contrast to that of the Adult System. He will also explain how our Bloomingtondale Police Department's Peer Jury program operates within the Juvenile Justice System.



Many of our crimes and calls for service involve juveniles. What are the most common crimes committed by juveniles? How much bullying actually takes place either in person or on social websites? What is a status offense? What happens to juveniles that are the victims of neglect or abuse? How does the police department investigate the many reported runaways and when found, where does the police place them? What happens to the juveniles once they have been arrested? If you are interested in the answers to these questions and many more you will not want to miss this meeting.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The following dates have been scheduled for the **2012 Neighborhood Watch General Meetings:**

May 16<sup>th</sup> 2012  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 2012  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 2012  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

Our second Neighborhood Watch general meeting of the year took place on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall. Thirty residents attended this meeting.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Detective Jeff Hill. Jeff spoke about the many types of Ruse Burglaries perpetrated by a Chicagoland group of "Gypsies." Jeff talked about the history of the "Gypsies" along with many of their names and photos of the active ruse type burglars.

He also mentioned the different types of Identity Theft schemes that are currently being used by the bad guys. He gave the residents information on his involvement in investigating the "Michaels" debit card scam and cases that he has worked involving fictitious travelers checks, gift cards, and payroll checks. He explained some of the difficulties in prosecuting these cases. The offenders usually target the elderly; employees that appear to be new and inexperienced; or employees that are extremely busy. Another scam mentioned was the simple pickpocketing of a purse that may be hanging on a chair at a busy restaurant, while you are dining and not paying attention, the thief is into your purse stealing your wallet and already making charges on your credit card before you are finished with your meal.

## CURRENT CASES

### **Comercial Burglary**

On Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:57 a.m., an employee with the midnight cleaning crew at Stratford Plaza discovered the shattered front door of Disc Replay. The damage was caused by a subject that apparently shoved a shopping cart through the door. A burglary had occurred and several electronic items had been taken. An investigation ensued and a suspect was developed and subsequently charged with burglary.

### **Residential Burglary**

A Bloomingtondale man reported that on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:05 p.m. he had left his house located on the one hundred block of N. Bloomingtondale Rd. to run some errands. When he returned a short time later, he noticed that the glass on a basement door had been shattered. He also noticed that a bank deposit that had been lying on a desk had been taken. He reviewed his security camera footage and recognized the offender that had broken into his home and stolen the bank deposit. The offender was subsequently arrested in Elmwood Park and most of the cash deposit was recovered.



### Burglary to a Motor Vehicle

A complainant who resides on the 300 block of Glenwood Dr. (Camden Apartments) reported that sometime between 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 a.m., an unknown person shattered the front passenger side window of her 2004 Honda. Once entry was gained, the offender(s) removed a dark brown DNG brand purse containing an Apple I-Pod and a wallet with contents.

### Theft of Mislaid Property

On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> two different complainants reported their their wallets were taken. One wallet was left in a shopping cart at Walmart, the other was left at an unknown location in Lenscrafters at Stratford Square mall.

### Theft

A resident reported that sometime between noon on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and noon on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> an unknown persons removed six solar light fixtures from her front yard. This theft occurred on the 100 block of Windham.

### Commercial Burglary

An employee of Dairy Queen 148 S. Bloomingdale Rd. reported that sometime between 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9:50 a.m. on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> an unknown person(s) pried open the front door, knocked the cash registers off the counter, and pried open same. Currency and coins were taken.

### Residential Burglary

The complainant reported that sometime between Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> an unknown person forcefully entered a residence on the 400 block of Oriole and removed a Kitchen Aid Dishwasher, Kitchen Aid Microwave, and work lights from the garage. The house is vacant and the loss was valued at over \$1800.00.

### Police Department Initiatives

At various times throughout the year the police department initiates "Saturation DUI Patrols" and "Overweight" Truck Details. During these Details, officers are utilizing both marked and semi-marked squad cars. The purpose of these initiatives are obvious and that is to save lives and to protect our streets from excessive wear and tear. Here is an example of the past Saturation DUI Patrol and Overweight Truck Detail.

**DUI Saturation Patrol Saturday March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) from 9:00 pm until 3:00 a.m. Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>.**



- 42 Traffic Stops
- 15 Citations
- 24 Written Warnings
- 14 Verbal Warnings
- 3 DUI arrests
- 2 Other arrests

### Overweight Truck Enforcement Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

- 6 Traffic Stops
- 4 Citations (over \$5000.00 in Bonds)

Many residents are unaware that the Village actually owns a 10 foot by 10 foot platform scale located on Gary Ave. next to the Bloomingdale Fire Department Station #3.

Did you know that according to the Illinois 2011 DUI Fact Book prepared by the Secretary of State's office, the average costs associated with a DUI Conviction in Illinois is over \$16,500. The costs includes legal fees, high risk insurance, court costs, income loss, rehabilitation, driver's license reinstatement, and the costs associated with the BAIID device for your vehicle.

Springtime means more pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcycles on the roadway. Please drive carefully.

### Changes at the Bloomingdale Police Department



Retired-Effective May 5, 2012  
Deputy Chief of Operations, Randy Sater  
(30 years of service)

Retired-Effective May 12, 2012  
Administrative Sergeant, Scott Stick  
(30 plus years of service)

Tim Roberts will be promoted from Detective Watch Commander to Deputy Chief of Operations.

John Krueger will be promoted from Patrol Watch Commander to Detective Watch Commander.

Matt Wolenberg will be promoted from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Watch Commander.

Sam Bonilla will be promoted from Patrolman to Sergeant.

Jeremy Redic has been hired as a new patrol officer. He has completed the Police Academy and is currently working with a Field Training Officer. A second patrol officer will be hired in late June and start the Academy in early July.

### Congratulations to all the above officers.

### Stats: Jan. 1 through April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Accident Reports	326
DUI Arrests	49
Case Reports	758
Traffic Stops	3,645
Service Calls	4,251

