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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Please join us at the next **Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, 2016, 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room, in which the topics will be Smart 911 and the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center – AC/DC (Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center) which serves the Bloomingtondale community.**



Smart 911 is a confidential service that allows you to create a profile that is activated in participating dispatch centers when you dial 9-1-1. The electronic safety profile provides essential household information about family members, home, pets, and vehicles for emergency personnel. For the past few years, AC/DC has been serving our Village regarding emergency 9-1-1 calls, in which the meeting will provide the audience with the opportunity to understand the inner workings of the dispatch center.

The public is encouraged to attend and bring any questions.

Refreshments will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The July Neighborhood Watch General Meeting took place at the Homeland Security Education Center (Building HEC and HTC) – College of DuPage. The facility houses the college's Criminal Justice, Fire Science / EMS, Police Department, and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). Watch Commander Sam Bonilla provided a wonderful presentation and tour of the facility. Watch Commander Bonilla balances his duties at the Bloomingtondale Police Department with his role as the Program Coordinator for SLEA. The **Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)** was established by the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association in 1994 to satisfy the training needs of DuPage County police departments that were at the mercy of the Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff's Office Academy and the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. These facilities were taxed to the limit and were not able to meet the needs of other surrounding Chicagoland police departments. SLEA maintains over 100 adjunct professors / instructors, most of whom are current law enforcement personnel. SLEA is committed to providing the highest standard of training to law enforcement and public safety agencies. With a steady eye on regional, national and international developments, SLEA fulfills its mission as an educational source for all law enforcement agencies in northern Illinois and beyond. SLEA must be the leader in developing new ideas and training curriculum for the public safety professional and the agency is extremely proud of the solid reputation that it has built in the law enforcement community. SLEA provides law enforcement officers and support personnel with the necessary foundation for career development through the Basic Recruit Training and Continuing Education Programs, in compliance with the Illinois Police Training Act.

SLEA recognizes the need to continually build the capabilities of law enforcement to keep pace with ongoing and ever changing societal needs and the challenges inherent in public service. In order to attend the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage, a recruit must be appointed as a police officer or deputy sheriff by an authorized Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). A 12-week program is offered each quarter in which it applies diverse training experiences and innovative training strategies to prepare recruits to be highly qualified officers. Classroom and practical training are central to the program. All instructors are state certified and are currently active in their fields of expertise. Students also are required to take part in several practical scenarios that include traffic stops, crimes in progress, building searches, court testimony, street stops and a variety of everyday situations common to police work. A regularly scheduled strength and aerobic program is conducted during the academy program. Defensive tactics, along with other techniques, including verbal judo, are part of the curriculum. The firearms program is set up with safety first. All instructors are master firearms certified and full-time law enforcement officers. To ensure safety, the staff maintains a close ratio of students to instructors.

The **Homeland Security Education Center (HEC)** houses the Criminal Justice and Fire Science Technology programs, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) and the College of DuPage (COD) Police Department. This comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional training center features: a full-scale indoor street scene for force-on-force exercises; Forensics and Cybercrimes labs; a Command center designed to instruct National Incident Management System protocols; a smoke room with moveable walls for EMS, fire rescue simulations; and an outdoor scaling and rappelling tower, and a full-size ambulance. The facility places College of DuPage at the forefront of first responder training in the Midwest. Approximately 7,600 individuals are expected to receive training through the HEC annually. Also, COD is one of the few educational institutions in the U.S. selected to receive a relic from the Twin Towers following 9/11. The HEC has installed a permanent memorial to 9/11 that has as its focal point a ceiling beam from one of the buildings. The beam is 27" by 127" and weighs more than one thousand pounds. The attendees for the July meeting viewed the memorial in silence.

The **Homeland Security Training Center (HTC)** expands first responder instruction with advanced firearms training, interactive shoot / don't shoot simulation and weapons cleaning / repair training. Included in the facility is a 50-yard, 25-position indoor firing range that provides first responders a unique indoor facility for training purposes. The indoor range is safe and lead free, which will preserve the environment.

While walking in these buildings, the attendees for the meeting were able to get a sense of the time, effort, and dedication it takes to prepare first responders for the career which is ahead of them.

WANTED:

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

The primary link / spokesperson of a particular residential area to the police department.

Minimum number of homes involved w/ a Block Captain: 5

Responsibilities / Duties:

Meet with each resident in your area and provide an invitation to be involved with the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Maintain a listing of all your involved residents.

Gather information, questions and concerns, from residents and then contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (Officer Dawn Odoi) for answers.

Provide current information from the Bloomingdale Police Department to your neighbors regarding criminal activity affecting your residential area.

Distribute the Neighborhood Watch newsletter to neighbors' homes or by e-mail.

Obtain recent Village and Police activities information through attendance at Neighborhood Watch General Meetings.

Being a Block Captain is not a hard or time-consuming job. It mostly involves becoming aware of activities in your area, taking the time to report them, and disseminating information to your neighbors. A Neighborhood Watch Block Captain is a vital and necessary role for the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and to preserve the safety and quality of life in Bloomingdale.

Any questions about the Neighborhood Watch Program or interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

Many people are taking advantage of the last warm weather days and enjoying the great outdoors. The Bloomingdale Police Department wants students and parents to be aware that some unscrupulous individuals seek the warm temperatures as well, in which they monitor the school and playground area where today's youth gather. It is strongly encouraged that children and young adults avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts / money, or engage in any conversation. "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person. The Bloomingdale Police Department also encourages that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occur, notify our agency as soon as possible once safety has been established. Any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Burglary to Motor Vehicle 200 Block of Millcreek

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 9:00 p.m. on July 31, and 6:15 a.m. on August 1, 2016, person(s) unknown entered his unlocked 2015 Nissan and 2016 Ford, in which miscellaneous US currency was removed. Both vehicles were parked and unattended in his driveway when the incident occurred. Nothing further at this time.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle 152 Stratford Square Mall

A Palatine man reported that sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016, person(s) unknown removed several miscellaneous tools from the back of his 2004 GMC. His vehicle was parked, unsecured and unattended in the parking lot. Approximate value is unknown at this time. No suspect information.



Burglary to Motor Vehicle Hilton - Indian Lakes Resort

A Lake Zurich man reported that sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016, person(s) unknown entered his 2004 Buick and removed a black duffel bag containing several personal items. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No further information.

Theft/Mislaidd Property 152 Stratford Square Mall

An Elgin woman reported that sometime between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016, person(s) unknown picked up her pink quilted bag from the couch where she forgot it. Approximate value unknown. No further information is available at this time.

Theft Wal-Mart – 314 W. Army Trail Road

A Glendale Heights woman reported that Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 4:07 p.m. after paying for her merchandise, she left her cellular phone by the self-checkout. When she realized the phone was missing, she returned to find the phone was gone. Nothing further.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizen Police Academy

**Wednesday evenings - September 7-November 16, 2016
Police Department Training Room 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Topics include: Constitutional law, Criminal law, Juvenile law, Radar enforcement, Traffic stops, D.U.I. enforcement, Use of Force, Defensive tactics, Evidence, Firearms Simulator, and K-9 Unit.
Refreshments will be served.

No registration fee. Please contact Officer Odoi if interested.

Character Counts Coalition Celebration

**Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.
Old Town Park**

**Bloomingtondale Police & Fire Departments – Open House
Saturday, October 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Both the Bloomingtondale Police Department and the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District will conduct building tours with a Halloween theme at their respective buildings:
Police – 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Fire – 179 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Activities and games will be provided by our Police, Fire, and Park District personnel. Refreshments will be served.
Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for "Trick or Treating"
Children under 10 yrs old need to be accompanied by adults
Please join us for this fun, family event!

Bloomingtondale Library & Bloomingtondale Park District are hosting a Halloween Party

**Saturday, October 22, 2016 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
At the Bloomingtondale Library parking lot**

Bloomingtondale Library activities

Hay maze Inflatable moonwalk Games & prizes
Balloon artists Face painters Pictures available for \$1.00
Free refreshments and candy

Library events require a ticket. Tickets are available day of the event between 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 2:30 p.m.
No entry into the tent after 2:30 p.m.

Bloomingtondale Park District activities

Arts & Crafts Sandy Candy
Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Tumbling Play station Trunk or Treat vehicles

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2016 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.