



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room will provide the audience with Travel Safety information as people plan for their summer get aways. Whether you travel by car, train, or by air, and when you reach your destination, safety should be the priority. Hope you can attend! See you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The world is changing and it may be difficult to accept that Intruder / Active Shooter Emergency Procedures and Drills are a part of every day life. Many will never forget Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook Elementary School. From this, it is the belief that school staff and students are the only ones that need to prepare for such a disaster. This idea is misplaced because these violent incidents have reached beyond the school environment, as we remember Gabrielle Giffords meeting in a parking lot (Tucson, Arizona), Century 16 Theaters (Aurora, Colorado), Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Charleston, South Carolina), and Pulse Nightclub (Orlando, Florida). From all that has occurred, every citizen should be prepared for an emergency to occur anywhere. Unfortunately, emergency drills were created because of tragedies, hence there are fire drills and tornado drills. Emergency drills are needed so that individuals will react quickly to minimize injury and/or death.



Active shooter events generally end upon the arrival of police, in which the shooter flees or takes (or attempts to take) their life, or applied force by citizens or police. Yet, the police are arriving after the incident has begun. In the meantime, citizens must do their best until the arrival of emergency services. Traditional Lock-Down procedures were unofficially adopted from the Los Angeles Unified School District and their reaction to dealing with "DBS" (drive by shootings). Lock-Down procedures involve securing a room (locking doors and windows), darkening the room, and placing people away from the door and huddling together. Unfortunately, using only the Lock-Down Procedure may be limiting. Many times a police officer is asked "What if...?" questions and many times the police officer states that it depends upon the circumstances and that there could be more than one answer. The same applies here. With the Lock-Down approach, more can be added to the equation depending on the circumstances. ALICE is an



extension to the traditional emergency procedures during an intruder / active shooter event. **ALICE** is a proactive approach that provides additional options and increases the odds of survival during an event. The **ALICE** approach stands for **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate**. ALICE (and other similar training) demonstrates that not every emergency event is the same and that the steps are not sequential but are valuable tools. Alert involves not only the PA (public address) announcement, but also using sensory input (listening for screams, loud noises, possible gunfire), as well as using technology for emergency notification (cell phones, computers). With this notification, code words are discouraged and those involved should use plain English that is standard and consistent. Lockdown is not only locking the door, but using items in the room to barricade it. People in the room should spread out and consider alternate routes (another door or window). While in the room, do not open the door for anyone and dial 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so. First Aid supplies should be prepared for each room ahead of time. Inform is the passing of real time information – a continuation of Alert (who, what, where, when and how). Typical communication methods are the PA, phones, radios. Counter strategies are not always needed, but should be considered. Counter the intruder is not fighting. It is taking back control – when all else fails. It is age appropriate, last resort, a personal choice, and it should be kept simple (K.I.S.S.). The idea of Counter is to interrupt the process of shooting accurately. Shooting involves target acquisition, sight picture/sight alignment, trigger control, stance, grip, and breathing. When unexpected movement occurs, like objects being thrown at an individual, this will effect the shooter's sight and attention and the natural reaction will be to avoid the objects thrown which goes against the action that they were looking to perform. Evacuate is just that – occupants leave the building, leave all belongings behind, evacuate through doors or windows, and in some situations, meet at a rally point. When individuals leave, they are to have open hands with nothing in them.

Remember

Expect the best, plan for the worst, and prepare to be surprised.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS:

At this time of the year, many are taking advantage of the longer daylight days and taking their bicycles around



town or on bike trails. Be smart and practice good bicycle safety for everyone in your family.

- Always wear a bicycle helmet (fit snug & secure).
- Conduct a bicycle safety checklist.
- Wear appropriate clothing (bright / reflective-especially at night & proper shoes).
- Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Be observant.
- Prevent bicycle theft (place in a safe place & secure it – utilize a lock in public places).

DRIVING SAFETY TIPS:

These helpful reminders are needed throughout the year to maintain the safety of our streets and communities.

- Wear seat belts at all times.
- Use turn signals all the time—changing lanes & turning.
- Be observant of speed limit signs & your speed.
- If you miss an exit or street, go to the next exit / street. Do not cause an accident in a last minute maneuver. Drivers behind can only do so much.
- For emergency vehicles, please slow down and move to the right lanes, if possible. Make sure that all emergency vehicles have passed before resuming driving.
- If you have an accident, stay in your vehicle and always contact the police.



PLEASE NOTE: DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. Types of distractions include: Texting; Using a cell phone or Smartphone; Eating & Drinking; Talking to passengers; Grooming; Reading-including maps; Using a navigation system; Watching a video; Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player.

Text messaging has received the most attention because it requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, which is by far the most alarming distraction.

Please remember that we share the roadways, so...

Drive Now. Text Later. You can't do both.
It's not worth it!

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Attempt Residential Burglary **300 Block of Mayo**
A Bloomingdale man reported sometime between 7:10 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, unknown person(s) tried to gain access to his residence through an attached garage service door. No entry was gained. No further information.

Theft **Caputo's – 166 E. Lake Street**
On Thursday, April 20th and on Monday, April 24th, 2017, unknown person(s) removed a purse from a shopping cart. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.

Theft **304 and 380 Glenwood Drive**
Residents reported that sometime around 2:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converters from their vehicles. The approximate value of the loss

is unknown. The vehicles were parked, secured, and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incidents.

Motor Vehicle Theft **100 Block of Larchmont Lane**
A Bloomingdale woman reported that sometime between 10:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 and 5:20 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017, person(s) unknown removed her unlocked vehicle from the driveway. The vehicle was parked and unattended at the time of the incident. Nothing further.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle
100 Block of Maple Avenue
100 Block of Franklin Street
200 Block of Pleasant Avenue
382 Glenwood Drive
Walgreen's – 180 E. Lake Street
200 Block of Regency Drive **3 incidents**



Reports were taken between March 7 through April 26, 2017. Person(s) unknown entered vehicles and took various personal items, including wallet and tools. The vehicles were parked and unattended when the incidents occurred. Some vehicles were locked and others were unlocked. No further information at this time

Remember: Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood, including unregistered solicitors, repair services and those seeking assistance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Rooftop Cop" at Dunkin Donuts (169 E. Lake Street)
Friday, May 19, 2017

5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Bloomingdale Police Officers unite with the Dunkin' Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics' mission of recognizing the tremendous courage, strength and perseverance of its athletes on the playing fields and in life. Officer Dominick Corsiglia and Officer Jin Han will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet Dunkin' Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin Donuts and don't forget to look up!



Bloomingdale Park District
"Kite Fly" & "Touch a Truck" event
Saturday, May 20, 2017 **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)**
Springfield Park



Annual family event that features contests, raffles, crafts and a mass kite launch highlight the annual Statewide Kite Fly and Touch-A-Truck events. Touch-A-Truck features a variety of trucks and vehicles to climb, sit and play on. Parental supervision is required. Area 51 Exotics also will be on site with its petting zoo including a monkey, chocolate skunk, savanna monitor and more!

Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run – Leg #14 – DuPage
Sunday, June 4, 2017

Location and time in Bloomingdale to be determined.
Please check the Village website from upcoming details.

Law Enforcement Officers throughout DuPage County will be carrying the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" and running in intervals along a planned route to show support and unity for this great cause.

