



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

will take the show on the road.

Wednesday, September 12th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.,
Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center (AC/DC)
– Facility Tour.



AC/DC Deputy Director of Police, Brandon Hurd, will provide a tour and an overview of the new 9-1-1 dispatch facility, which partners with the Bloomingtondale Police Department and many other agencies. For this meeting, it is requested that those interested in attending, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 by Tuesday, September 11, 2018, so that the AC/DC personnel can accommodate our group. For the meeting, the attendees will gather at the facility. Please consider taking part in this unique opportunity to see the behind the scenes activities and the hard work of the telecommunicators who manage the 9-1-1 system.

Hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

For the May Neighborhood Watch Meeting, the audience was given the message that personal safety = work. Police officers, security personnel, etc., can only do so much to help secure an area, a building, the streets, and so on. Each individual can contribute to their personal safety at home, at work, while driving, while running errands, exercising, on the Internet, etc. Even those who are now retired from the workforce, still need to work regarding their safety. Being alert and increased awareness are the starting points. From there, reviewing the following safety reminders will help reduce victimization of criminal activity.

While walking...

- + Stand tall, walk with purpose, make eye contact with others and your environment. Don't stare at the ground or an electronic device.
- + Maintain a reasonable distance when answering questions or giving directions to others. Trust your instincts. If uncomfortable in a place or situation, then leave.
- + If possible, use the buddy system – strength in numbers.
- + Stay in well-lighted areas and walk in the middle of the sidewalk as long as others aren't around.
- + Avoid alleys, entryways, bushes, and dark, deserted routes, even if they are the shortest.
- + Personal alarms are good to have in your hand.
- + Approaching your home or vehicle – have the key in hand.

+ If you have an encounter, stay calm, size up the situation, use good judgement.

While Shopping...

- + Keep purse / wallet / cell phone / packages with you at all times.
- + Purse should be kept close to your body and in front of you. Wallet / money- suggested to keep in front pockets of pants.
- + Don't display large amounts of cash in stores or public places.
- + Have appropriate money, credit cards, checkbook, if needed.
- + Do not leave items unattended in shopping cart, on counter, or floor.
- + Try not to overburden yourself w/packages – allow reaction time if needed.
- + Keep receipts with you.
- + If shopping alone, be aware of others, and if needed, ask attendant or security to be in the area as you walk to your vehicle.

Elevator Safety...

- + Stand near control panel, if possible. Be alert & aware at all times.
- + If someone gets on the elevator and makes you uncomfortable, then leave ASAP.
- + Be familiar with how the emergency button, if needed.

Vehicle Safety...

- + Keep doors locked and windows secured while driving.
- + If you think that you are being followed, re-route your direction of travel towards a busier area – call 9-1-1 if it continues.
- + If you have car problems, stay in your vehicle, and call 9-1-1 or tow service. Be wary of strangers who offer help. If you see a disabled vehicle, call 9-1-1.
- + Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider time of day & amount of time vehicle will be parked.
- + Check vehicle before approaching or entering – to avoid any potential problems (safety or mechanical issues). If something is suspicious or car is damaged, contact security or police immediately.
- + Do not leave valuables in the vehicle – place items in the trunk. Anything in plain view will be taken.
- + Recommended items in vehicle: First Aid Kit, Car Jack, Tire Tool, Spare Tire, Flashlight (w/ fresh batteries), Jumper Cables, Blanket, Bottled Water.

ATM Safety...

- + Don't approach an ATM if lights or machine are not working.
- + At a drive-up ATM, keep windows closed except the window you are using, and keep doors locked.
- + Walk-up ATM, keep distance between other people in line and do not approach until transaction is completed.
- + Before approaching ATM, have card, passcode, & paperwork ready.
- + Check ATM device to make sure no other instrument has been placed on it to steal your information.
- + Stand directly in front of keypad to block view.
- + Select & Protect Personal Identification Number (PIN).
- + When transaction is completed, take property – card, cash, receipt, and place them in your pocket, wallet, purse, then leave. If there is an issue with your account, meet with bank officials – don't argue with the ATM. Don't accept help from others.
- + If you lose, misplace, or ATM card is stolen, report immediately.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

With the last few weeks of hot weather, the community may experience some power outages due to weather conditions or overloaded electronic issues, which can cause the traffic control devices / traffic signals to malfunction. The Bloomingtondale Police Department would like to remind drivers that traffic intersections need to be monitored at all times to make sure that the traffic signals are working properly. If a traffic signal is not working at all or has conflicting signals (example: flashing red & green lights), drivers are to treat the intersection as a four-way stop, even without stop signs posted. It is requested that drivers pay attention on the roadways to reduce the opportunity for traffic crashes.



Also, with the warm weather, some residents have contacted the Village of Bloomingtondale and the Bloomingtondale Police Department complaining about solicitors in their neighborhoods. Solicitors are to comply with local registration procedures. Please call the police department regarding those who are not complying or any suspicious person(s), vehicle(s) or activity in the area.

With the Labor Day weekend and for all the upcoming Fall activities and events taking place, many are enjoying the great outdoors. The Bloomingtondale Police Department wants children and parents to be aware that some unscrupulous individuals may monitor the playground area and neighborhoods 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 Bloomingtondale Police Department also encourages that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occurs; notify our agency as soon as possible once safety has been established. Any questions or comments regarding the safety information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



Burglary to Motor Vehicle reports

- Wal-Mart – 314 W. Army Trail Road
Forcefully entered vehicle - Removed currency.
- 100 Block of S. Bloomingdale Road
Shattered Driver's side window – Removed US Currency & several miscellaneous items.
- Wilshire Tower Apartment Complex – 207 Regency Drive
Removed gym bag from front seat.

Theft reports

- Mariano's – 148 S. Gary Avenue – Removed cellular phone.
- Planet Fitness – 152 S. Gary Avenue – Removed wallet.
- Stratford Square – 152 Stratford Drive – Removed wallet from bench at Children's Play Area.

SPECIAL EVENTS

September Fest

Saturday, September 8, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Old Town Park

Parade – begins at 11:00 a.m.

Citizen Police Academy

September 5th – November 14th, 2018

Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Presentations and discussions on various areas of law enforcement will be addressed. Also, there will be tours of the new Dispatch Center & Police Academy. The classes provide a unique opportunity to have police officers as instructors.

The program is free. Refreshments will be served.
Don't miss out on such a great learning experience!
Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 to register.

Child Safety Seat Check

Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Meijer – S. Gary Avenue – south parking lot

The Bloomingtondale Police Department and Meijer – Bloomingtondale has joined together to conduct a Child Safety Seat Check event. Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians will conduct free child seat checks. In Illinois, the law requires the security of any child riding in a vehicle under the age of eight to be in an appropriate Child Safety Seat Restraint. Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Police Department at (630) 529-9868 for any questions about the event. Additional child seat guidelines, information, and a list of Car seat Checkup Events are listed at www.car-safe.org and www.nhtsa.org
Remember....Buckle Up – Every One – Every Time



"National Night Out Against Crime"
Heroes vs. Half Pints Softball Showdown

Tuesday, August 7th, 2018
was cancelled due to weather.

See you next year – Tuesday, August 6th, 2019!

