



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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GREETINGS!

The members of the Bloomingtondale Police Department would like to wish you a happy New Year, and we hope you all had an excellent holiday season. We are very excited about the revitalization and future of the Neighborhood Watch Program. We are incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful community that is willing to work alongside our team for the betterment of the village.



Director of Public Safety Giammarese and Officer Roberts held a Block Captain meeting where many great topics were constructively discussed. Topics discussed included the recent addition of K-9 Officer Ace (handled by Officer Lemezis) and hiring several new Police Officers ready to serve our community. Additionally, the Block Captains shared various ideas they would like to see implemented into the Neighborhood Watch Program.

COMMUNITY FOOT PATROLS

Several of our long-term Block Captains expressed interest in having our newer police officers become more involved with the residents within the community. They stated that they enjoyed the sense of community they felt by getting to know our police officers over the years.

One idea generated during the meeting was to have the officers participate in more foot patrols. Foot patrols allow officers to interact one-on-one with the residents and be more visible in areas where vehicles are generally prohibited, such as parks, walking paths and interior of buildings (Park District).



To kick this off, Ofc. Roberts will be reaching out to current Block Captains to organize dates and times in which we will have Officers participating in foot patrol with Block Captains in their neighborhoods.

If you do not have a Block Captain in your area and you are interested, please contact us for more information.

We look forward to walking & talking with each of you soon!

CURRENT EVENTS



- On January 4, 2023, Bloomingtondale Police Department hired four new Police Officers; Preston Beth, Daniel O'Connell, Nathaniel Miller, and James Donofrio. The four new Police Recruits are attending the 16 Basic Training at Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). At SLEA, they will be instructed on various topics, including (but not limited to), constitutional law, medical response, crisis intervention, and defensive tactics. They look forward to serving you.
- On January 19, 2023, we remembered fallen Bloomingtondale Police Officer Raymond Murrell #145, who passed away in the line of duty on January 19, 2017. In his short time with our department, he earned the trust of his co-workers and led by example. Deputy Chief Mason stated: "Ray felt relaxed and calm, which was contagious to those around him." Rest In Peace, Officer Murrell; you are truly missed.
- On February 3, 2023, the Bloomingtondale Police Department, Bloomingtondale Fire Department, and other surrounding Fire agencies responded to 136 E Lake St (Chase Bank) for an active incident involving a vehicle collision with a building, leading to a fire. It was later discovered that a vehicle using the drive-through services collided with the building, severed a gas line, resulting in a structure fire. No injuries were reported. Director Giammarese responded to the scene and addressed ABC 7 Chicago News regarding the incident.

CRIME PREVENTION; QUICK TIP

As the weather gets colder, the Bloomingtondale Police Department wants to remind the community to avoid leaving their car unlocked and running to "Warm Up." This is often an easy means for criminals to enter your vehicle. Additionally, lock your vehicle at night and place the key or key fob inside your residence. Finally, remember to report **ANY** suspicious behavior to Bloomingtondale Police Department.

Thank you, and we look forward to another excellent year with the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch Program.

STAY VIGILANT