



Colonel Tim Fitch  
Chief of Police

## **“Roll Call”**

### **The St Louis County Police Departments West County Precinct’s Neighborhood Watch Newsletter**

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#### **Important Numbers**

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Hotline-636-256-7075  
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## **Captain’s Corner**

I would like to take a minute and introduce myself. I am Captain Steve Sack, the newest West County Precinct Commander as of April 18, 2010. I may have met some of you previously when I was assigned here as a watch commander from 2006 to 2008. As a resident of West St. Louis County, I take a great interest in our community and I believe a cooperative partnership is extremely important in maintaining our quality of life. This relationship was built under the previous Precinct Commander, Captain George Corless, and I will continue with his vision in making our community a wonderful place to work and live.

On a side note, I would like to wish Captain Corless a happy and long retirement!

## **“Citizen of the Month”**

The citizen of the month of April is Miss Taylor Baxter. Taylor is 8 years old and a resident of the Legacy Pointe subdivision. We salute Taylor for her recent initiative in organizing a fundraising event to support The Backstoppers. Taylor, with the help of Jake Leah, Blake Baxter, Sam Murphy and Kayla Mater, raised over \$500 for Backstoppers from the operation of a lemonade stand in her subdivision. Great job everyone and thank you for your hard work.

## **Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

Our next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on May 19, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be our yearly barbeque. It will be held in the City of Winchester’s Reber Park, located at the intersection of Lindy and Hillcrest. As usual, we will discuss crime trends, law enforcement activities or organizing a neighborhood watch program, in addition to enjoying some great food. If you would like to attend, please notify your Neighborhood Policing Officer at 636-256-7075. We request you make reservations.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS**

The West County Precinct sponsors neighborhood watch meetings focusing on crime prevention and other matters that affect the quality of life in our community. The meetings are open to everyone, not just those directly involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Most of the meetings will have guest speakers from specialized units within the St. Louis County Police Department or St. Louis County Government. At the end of each meeting, there will be an opportunity to discuss any specific issues with a Neighborhood Policing Officer. Contact us and we will provide you with additional details!

### **ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE K-9 DEMONSTRATION**

The St. Louis County Police K-9 Unit will hold a special exhibit and demonstration at 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog located at 1721 South Mason Road in Queeny Park. The activities will run from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The admission to the museum will be free for this special event only. For more information, please call 314-821-3647 or visit the web site at [www.museumofthedog.org](http://www.museumofthedog.org)

### **BENTLEY MANOR SUBDIVISION CLEANUP MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>/VOLUNTEERS & TRUCKS NEEDED**

It's cleanup time in Bentley Manor, St. Bernard Hills and Bentley Farms subdivisions. Volunteers from your community in conjunction with St. Louis County Police and St. Louis County Public Works Problem Properties Unit are having a free, one-time special bulk waste pick up on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

We are still in need volunteers and trucks to make this a success. If you or your civic organization would like to volunteer, or if you need more information, please contact Officer Lou Major at 636-256-7075 or email [lmajor@stlouisco.com](mailto:lmajor@stlouisco.com)

### **RETIREMENT RECEPTION**

Captain George Corless, Lt. Chuck Molla and Officer Scott McGinnis are retiring. On Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, we will bid them farewell and thank them for their many years of outstanding service to the St. Louis County Police Department. A reception will be held at the Rockwood Bank Community Room at 1037 Majestic Drive, located near the intersection of Highway 141 and Centurion Drive. The reception will start at 1:00 P.M. Please stop by to thank them for their service. Cake and refreshments will be served.

### **CONGRATULATIONS CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES**

On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, twenty-five citizens graduated from the West County and City of Fenton Precinct's Citizen Police Academy. The guest speaker was Colonel Tim Fitch, the Chief of Police of the St. Louis County Police Department. Precinct Commanders, Captain Steve Sack and Captain Jeff Bader were also on hand to congratulate the graduates. Each graduate received a completion certificate and lapel pin.

## **NORTH SECTOR**

- On 3/15/10, a driver of a Honda collided with several mailboxes near the intersection of Kiefer Creek Road and Richland Meadows. The driver of the vehicle reported that the car inexplicably sped up and a mechanical problem caused the accident. The driver was arrested for D.W.I.
- On 3/18/10, a 28-year old female was arrested for causing a disturbance in a parking lot in the 1100 block of Arbor Creek. The suspect appeared intoxicated, and was yelling and screaming, causing alarm to nearby residents who called the police.
- On 3/27/10, two chain saws were stolen from the vicinity of 600 Sontag Road. Witnesses were able to obtain a license plate of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was later arrested and the stolen saws were recovered and returned to the owner.
- On 3/27/10, several cars parked on the lot near Manchester and Weidman Roads were broken into. Purses that were in view on the floorboards were stolen.
- On 4/4/10, an intoxicated subject was arrested for causing a disturbance at a business in the 1200 block of Old Orchard Center.

## **SOUTH SECTOR**

- On 3/29/10, it was reported that a subject altered a doctor's prescription and attempted to obtain an amount of controlled drugs from a business in the 1000 block of Bowles. A suspect was identified and interviewed. This investigation continues.
- On 4/2/10, a suspect was caught stealing pouches of hand sanitizer from a medical facility in the 1000 block of Bowles Avenue for the purpose of drinking the solution. The suspect was arrested.
- On 4/3/10, a subject was issued an Arrest Notification for Trespassing on the property of a business located near Hawkins Road and Piedras Parkway.
- On 4/4/10, a subject attempted suicide by crashing a car into a concrete wall on I-44 near mile marker 269. The subject was treated for injuries and admitted for a psychological evaluation.
- On 4/4/10, officers and fire personnel responded for a report of an automobile fire near Hillsboro Road and Meramec Station Road. An unoccupied vehicle was found to be fully engulfed in flames.

## **CLARKSON VALLEY---VALLEY PARK---WINCHESTER ---TWIN OAKS**

- On 3/1/10, it was reported that copper downspouts from a church in the 2900 block of Clarkson Road were pried from the building and stolen.
- On 3/2/10, a resident in the 1100 block of Dougherty Lakes Estates caught two teenage subjects looking into open garages. He scared the subjects off and they departed in a dark colored newer 4-door sedan.
- On 3/14/10, thieves broke out a window on a vehicle parked on the lot of a church near Highway 141 and Forest Avenue. Two purses and their contents were stolen.
- On 3/16/10 the officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Benton Street. The odor of marijuana was emanating from the vehicle and a search yielded a bag of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- On 3/17/10, Officer Grobelny investigated an assault that occurred on an athletic field in the 16000 block of Clayton Road. One of the victims sustained serious facial injuries. Two suspects were arrested.
- On 3/17/10, an employee of a business in the 2100 block of Smizer Station Road was issued an Arrest Notification for Assault of a fellow worker.
- On 3/28/10, a homeowner in the 16000 block of Sterling Pointe Court reported the theft of a Weber BBQ grill taken from a rear patio.
- On 3/28/10, officers responded for a report of a fight at a large party at a residence in the 200 block of Fox Chapel Lane. A minor was referred to court for possessing alcohol. The homeowner was cited for a violation of the Social Host ordinance.

## **GOOD JOB DETECTIVE FAASEN/INTER-STATE THEFT RING IDENTIFIED**

Detective Faasen recently helped to identify and investigate an interstate theft ring that briefly operated in the St. Louis area. While investigating a forgery case, Detective Faasen discovered that five local residents were the victims of twenty-two separate forgeries. The thieves stole over \$45,000. Detective Faasen was able to identify six, out of state, suspects who were involved in cashing forged checks at local banks. Authorities were able to recover \$32,000 of the stolen money. Detective Faasen will turn over his investigation to federal authorities that will continue the investigation and prosecute the case.

Crime Prevention Tip: In all of these theft cases, the suspects stole checkbooks and identification cards from ladies purses that were left in plain view in motor vehicles. Although the vehicles were locked, the thieves made forced entry to steal the purses. Never leave purses, camera, laptops, briefcases or other items in plain view that are an open invitation to criminals. Take away the opportunity for the thief to commit the crime and you will not become a victim.

## **THE ORDINANCE CORNER**

If you are a homeowner in unincorporated St. Louis County, a building permit is required when planning to install or construct:

- A room in a basement or relocate an interior wall
- A retaining wall over two (2) feet in height
- Replace plumbing, electrical, or mechanical work
- A swimming pool
- An irrigation system
- An additional room
- A patio cover
- A residential attached or detached garage
- An attached carport
- A sundeck

For more information, contact St. Louis County Department of Public Works at 314-615-5184.

## **STATISTICS ANYONE?**

For the month of March 2010, officers of the West County Precinct issued 262 radar citations, 290 citations for various moving violations, 436 citations for non-moving violations and 41 parking tickets. Officers completed 442 reports, arrested 36 subjects for felony crimes and 101 subjects for misdemeanor crimes. Officers arrested 18 intoxicated motorists.

### **POLICE PHONE NUMBERS**

Non-Emergency Dispatch	314-889-2341
West County Precinct	636-256-2602
Neighborhood Policing	636-256-7075
Crime Tip/Traffic Hotline	636-256-7075
Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
CrimeStoppers	866-371-8477

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

Animal Control	314-726-6655
Child Abuse Hotline	800-392-3738
KUTO Teen Helpline	314-644-5886
Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151
Highways and Traffic	314-615-8504