

Twin Oaks Neighborhood Watch

January 2010

Captain's Corner

With respect to our Department's pledge to provide the best possible police service to the citizens we serve, I have good news to report. Funding has been approved for the construction of a new police station for the West County Precinct. The new precinct station will be located at 232 Vance Road. The station will be centrally located in the precinct, about one half mile west of Highway 141 on Vance Road. It will be a full service police station open 24-hours. This new facility will greatly enhance our delivery of police services to ensure that St. Louis County continues to be a safe place to work and raise a family. We anticipate moving into our new station in April and will be making an announcement regarding an open house event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting

Our next Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the clubhouse of the Tree Top Condos located at 701 Sandy Summit. There will be a guest speaker from the Sex Offender Registration Unit. Anyone interested in organizing a watch program is also invited to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Watch Coordinators; please have a Block Captain attend if you are unable.

Explorer Trivia Night

The 5th Annual Explorer Post 9774 Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at the Meramec Bluffs Lutheran Senior Services located at #1 Meramec Bluffs (at intersection of Vance/Sulphur Spring Road). The cost is \$10 per person. Sodas and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional food for your table. Sorry, alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Tables of up to 10 persons are permitted. Please contact Officer Dusty Poncin at dponcin@stlouisco.com or 636-256-7075 for reservations or questions.

Citizen Police Academy Starts February 2010

The West County and Fenton Precincts will host a Citizen Police Academy that will begin on March 4, 2010. The academy will run for eight consecutive Thursdays with graduation scheduled for April 22, 2010. The classes will be held in the Rockwood Bank meeting room at 1037 Majestic Drive (near the intersection of Highway 141 and Centurion). We are now reserving seats. For more information or to enroll, please contact Officer Lou Major at 636-256-7075 or at lmajor@stlouisco.com

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The West County Chapter of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association made the holidays much brighter for two families in need. Thanks to the generosity of the members of this outstanding organization, two local families were able to enjoy the holidays during this difficult economic time. We want to thank the Alumni Association and all its' members who made this possible. The two families have expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone.

ATM Fraud Alert

The St. Louis County Police Department has issued a report warning that a bank in Clayton, Missouri discovered a “skimmer” device on their lobby’s ATM. The device had been set to wirelessly transmit financial information, including card number and PIN, from each cardholder who attempted to utilize the ATM’s services.

When using any ATM machine, remember to:

- Inspect the ATM or card reader for any suspicious devices prior to using the machine.
- Use ATM’s that are located at your bank or credit union
- Use ATM’s in well-lit public areas.
- Be suspicious of anyone who approaches you while using the ATM, especially if they ask you questions concerning usage of the machine
- If you observe anything unusual or suspicious, immediately notify the bank or report your suspicions to the police

Sincerely,

Karen Dresner