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“Roll Call”

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Captain's Corner



On October 31st, the West County Precinct will sponsor a number of Halloween Safety Centers. In cooperation with our subdivisions, and Neighborhood Watch Groups, officers and residents of our subdivisions will be greeting children on Halloween night. Please make it a point to visit these centers which will be located in the following subdivisions between 5 and 8 PM. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

- Sorrento (Sorrento Springs Elementary School)
- Westbrooke (Westbrooke Terrace at Oak Hall)
- Arbor View (Vicinity of I300 block of Kiefer Bluffs)
- Arbor Oaks/Arbor Glen (Arbor Haven at Arbor Meadow)
- Bentley Manor/Bentley Farms/St. Bernard Hills (Gladiator at Centurion)
- San Luis Subdivision (San Luis Rey Parkway at Valero Drive)
- City of Winchester (Reber Park)
- Village of Twin Oaks (Twin Oaks Park)
- Valley Park (Valley Park Police Station)
- Clarkson Valley (Two mobile police units)



Captain Steve Sack

Citizen of the Month

For the month of September, we would like to salute Ray Meyer. Ray is an Assistant United States Attorney and is assigned to the Violent Crime Unit. Ray's work in the prosecution of criminal cases is most notable. His dedication to serving the citizens of the United States and our local community is quite evident. We want to thank Ray for his generous donation of his time and expertise. Ray recently gave presentations concerning the prosecution of criminals at the federal level to citizens at our Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Citizen Police Academy and the general membership meeting of the West County Chapter of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Ray's presentation gave all of us a good understanding of how our federal court system operates. Thanks Ray, we commend your devotion to your work.

Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch is “looking out for one another”.

Throughout the years, neighbors move and the look of neighborhood watch changes. One of the constants is our Department believes in it and there will always be an officer assigned to neighborhood watch functions.

Officer Lou Major has been patrolling West County neighborhoods since the spring of 1991. Recently, he has been active in neighborhood events and crime prevention.

As we look outside, we can see that summer is gone, and Lou will be too in the near future.

Officer Major’s last Neighborhood Watch meeting will be November 18, 2010 at 7pm. Please use the rear door to our precinct.

Please come to the watch meeting where we will be discussing crime tips and prevention methods concerning the holiday season. This will be a good time to wish Lou “Good Luck” in retirement.



Officer Lou Major

Suspects in Crime Spree Arrested

In the early morning hours of October 2nd, officers spotted two suspicious subjects looking into parked cars in Queeny Park. The officers were part of a surveillance team from our precinct. One of the subjects was then observed departing the park in an out of state registered vehicle.

After stopping the vehicle, the driver was arrested for sus-

pected felony theft from a previous incident.

During the follow up investigation, three more suspects who were staying at a local motel were taken into custody.

All of the suspects taken into custody were from out of state. They were apparently involved in a multi-state crime spree involving approximately 80 victims. They stole numer-

ous items from unattended motor vehicles. Purses, check-books and electronic items were targets of this group.

Incident to the arrests, thousands of dollars worth of stolen items were recovered as well as a large sum of cash.

Two additional suspects were arrested in Illinois by agents from a Federal Identity Theft Task Force.

Making a Difference

Elementary school student receives honor, but in turn honors officer by selection.



Recently, Parkway School Resource Officer Eric Austermann received one of the highest honors of his career.

One of his elementary students, who is strongly fighting cancer, was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals to participate in a special event. The student was able to bring two people from his school to the event. Out of all the possibilities, he chose Principal Chris Shirley and Officer Austermann.

This is just one example of how an officer can have a positive influence in a young person’s life.

Crime Summary-North

- On 9/2/10, a purse was stolen from an unlocked car parked in the 1700 block of Carman Ridge Court. The purse was later found near Hanna and Big Bend Roads minus a large sum of cash.
- On 9/4/10, a motorcycle was reported stolen while parked in the street in the 500 block of Vest Avenue.
- On 9/7/10, four tires and rims were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 600 block of Leonard Ave.
- On 9/9/10, a subject was arrested for an assault that occurred in the 1000 block of Johanna Drive.
- On 9/10/10, a red Honda sport bike was reported stolen from a car port in the 1400 block of Woodcrest Manor Court.
- On 9/12/10, a suspect was arrested in the 500 block of Arbor Meadow Drive for assaulting her father.
- On 9/13/10, a suspect was arrested for paying his taxi fare and was taken to jail when he became combative.
- On 9/25/10, officers stopped a motorist on Big Bend near Meramec Station Road for a traffic violation. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and capsules of heroin.
- On 9/27/10, a suspect attempted to leave the property of a grocery store located in the 1100 block of Meramec Station Road with two shopping carts full of 96, 2-liter bottles of soda without rendering payment. When confronted by an employee of the business, the suspect struck the employee and fled the area. The suspect was identified by officers and is currently wanted for the crimes.
- A Suzuki four-wheeler was reported stolen on 9/28/10 from a parking lot in the 1200 block of Pinecrest Lane.

Crime Summary-South

- On 9/9/10, a victim reported that jewelry items were stolen from her residence in the 2500 block of Alcarol Drive. A suspect was identified and arrested after the subject confessed during an interview.
- On 9/16/10, officers were walking in the 100 block of Valley Drive checking out a report that homeless people were living in the woods. On the porch of a residence, the officers spotted a 4 foot tall marijuana plant. As the officers were talking to the homeowner, another 3 foot tall marijuana plant was found in the back room. The suspect was arrested for cultivating marijuana.
- On 9/13/10, officers conducting patrol in the 600 block of Greenhedge Drive recovered a vehicle that was reported stolen out of St. Louis City.
- Officers responded for a report of a burglary on 9/20/10 that occurred at a residence in the 2100 block of Quirinal. Officers were able to follow footprints to a nearby residence where they arrested a suspect. Items stolen in the crime were recovered and returned to the owner.
- A soda machine in the 1500 block of San Simeon Way was broken into and the coin box was stolen on 9/22/10.
- On 9/23/10, a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Smizer Mill. The vehicle was described as a white utility van with schematics on side windows and the word "holiday" and the pictures of a gingerbread and other items depicted
- On 9/24/10, a resident of an apartment in the 600 block of Green Earth reported that cash had been stolen from his wallet. A suspect was identified and interviewed. Warrants will be applied for.
- On 9/26/10, officers investigated an incident involving a threatening and obscene phone call. A suspect was identified and a report was made. A warrant application was sent to the St. Louis County Counselor for consideration.
- On 9/26/10, a resident in the 739 block of St. Louis Avenue was stabbed and beat up. Two suspects were arrested.



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You can contact us in person at the station, 24 hours a day.

By the numbers...

In August 2010, officers assigned to the West County Precinct had the following statistics: We responded to 2,194 Calls for Service, 2,504 On-View incidents and took 496 police reports. We issued 325 RADAR tickets, 276 Moving violation tickets, 436 Non-moving tickets, and 32 Parking tickets.

Precinct officers made 27 felony arrests and 97 misdemeanor arrests during the month. There were 11 motorists arrested for DWI.

CPAAA & Explorers Bowl For Fun

What better way to enjoy a little friendly competition than bowling?

On August 25, the West County Precinct Explorer Post 9774 and the members of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association faced off at Brunswick Lane in Valley Park. The Explorer post provided the pizza, soda and of course, the challenge. Brunswick Lanes graciously provided the lanes and the shoes for both teams. Each team consisted of 8 bowlers.

To determine the winner, the single top score of each team was averaged with the single bottom score.

The final score came out to 113 (CPAAA) to 102 (Explorers). Congratulations to the CPAAA for the victory!

"This event was held to show our appreciation to the Alumni members who often assist with training the Explorers," said PO Dusty Poncin, supervisor of Explorer Post 9774. Sounds like the Alumni took the

challenge seriously! Better luck next year Explorers!

