

Twin Oaks Neighborhood Watch February 2009

Captain's Corner

As the recent weather reminds us, we should think about what to do if the unexpected happens. If you are snowed in, lose power or water, what are you going to do? Most of the issues or obstacles we may encounter can be overcome and minimized with planning. The County Police has an Office of Emergency Management. They have plans in place to cover almost any conceivable natural or manmade incident. The plans are completed to address even the smallest of details. We have discovered during an incident, organization is a main component of success. As a homeowner, we don't have to be so detailed in our plans, but please take a moment to consider what you will need.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting

Our next Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. 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. 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.

Citizen Police Academy

The West County and Fenton Precincts will host a Citizen Police Academy that started on Thursday, February 5, 2009. Week #2 of the academy will feature speakers from the Municipal Services Unit and the Bureau of Tactical Support. The academy will run for eight consecutive weeks with graduation on March 26, 2009. The academy will be held in the Rockwood Bank meeting room located at 1037 Majestic Drive, near the intersection of Highway 141 and Centurion Drive. Classes run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. To register for the next class that will start in September or for further information, please contact Officer Lou Major at the West County Precinct lmajor@stlouisco.com or Officer Aaron Dilks at the Fenton Precinct at adilks@stlouisco.com

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The West County Chapter will host a Potluck Recognition and Social Dinner at the Fenton River Chase complex on Friday, March 20th. The event will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seating is limited. All members are asked to R.S.V.P. to Cathy Groves at 636-225-6784 or chocolategroves@sbcglobal.net

Explorer Trivia Night

Police Explorer Post will host their 4th Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 28, 2009. It will start at 6:30 P.M. and be held at the Meramec Bluffs Senior Services at #1 Meramec Bluffs (at the intersection of Vance and Sulphur Springs Roads). Admission is \$10 per person. Sodas and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional food for your table. Contact Police Officer Dusty Poncin at dponcin@stlouisco.com or call 636-256-7075 for reservations or questions.

Red Light Cameras – An “Editorial”

Red light cameras seem to be popping up everywhere these days. The newest set of cameras is in operation at Manchester and Clarkson Roads. Folks either love them or hate them, but whatever your opinion, it looks like they are here to stay. I don't know if they are having the desired effect, but I know I certainly pay particular attention when I pass these intersections. It would be quite embarrassing for me to have a citation sent to Chief Lee at County Police Headquarters! I have written quite a few electric signal violations, and “speed” seems to be the culprit. When the light turns “yellow”, many motorists tend to go faster. From conducting traffic enforcement, I have found that motorists who are going at the posted speed limit have ample time to stop for the yellow or get COMPLETELY through the intersection before the red light gets you. Well, this is just my opinion and good luck with the “camera cops”.....P.O. Lou Major.

Sincerely,

Karen Dresner