

## Twin Oaks Neighborhood Watch January 2009

### **Captain's Corner**

A strong community partnership between the police and citizens is a vital part in maintaining a safe community. We have already established a close working relationship with our citizens through many of our programs such as the Neighborhood Watch Program and Citizen Police Academies. Our subdivisions form the backbone of our communities and we want to continue to maintain a close working relationship with our friends. Our goal this year is to continue to build strong ties with our residents. To accomplish this goal, we want to establish a good working relationship with the trustees of our subdivisions. Trustees are extremely important for our subdivisions and their residents to enjoy a high quality of life. I encourage all trustees to share concerns and ideas with my officers and Neighborhood Policing Officers. We plan on meeting with you in the near future.

### **Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Meeting**

Our next Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 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 will start on Thursday, February 5, 2009. 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. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To register or for further information, please contact Officer Lou Major at the West County Precinct [lmajor@stlouisco.com](mailto:lmajor@stlouisco.com) or Officer Aaron Dilks at the Fenton Precinct at [adilks@stlouisco.com](mailto:adilks@stlouisco.com)

### **Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association held its general membership meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. The meeting was held at the St. Louis County Grand Glaize Library located at 1010 Meramec Station Road. To be eligible for membership in the Alumni Association, one must have graduated from a St. Louis County Police Department sponsored Citizen Police Academy. There are currently organizing activities for 2009.

### **Explorer Trivia Night**

Police Explorer Post will host their 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dponcin@stlouisco.com) or call 636-256-7075 for reservations or questions.

### **Good Job Officer Brusca!**

While on patrol, Officer Brusca saw two subjects walking on Meramec Station Road near Highway 141 matching the description of two suspects who were wanted for questioning regarding thefts from two local businesses. Upon contacting the suspects, one suspect fled the area by running. Officer Brusca was able to catch the suspect and take him into custody. Other officers assisted and both suspects were taken into custody. One of the suspects was charged with Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer after he kicked an officer in the face. One of the suspects also gave a false name during the investigation. One of the suspects was on probation and the other suspect was wanted on outstanding warrants. They were arrested and taken to the County Jail.

### **Young Liquor Thief Arrested**

Officer Lindeman took into custody a 15-year old suspect for stealing three bottles of liquor from a store in the vicinity of Big Bend and Meramec Station Roads. The suspect attempted to exit the business with the liquor bottles concealed by clothing. The suspect was released to a parent and referred to Family Court for prosecution.

### **The Ordinance Corner**

St. Louis County Ordinance #1217.090 prohibits the transport of a child less than 4 years of age in a motor vehicle who is unprotected by an approved child restraint system. This ordinance applies to all vehicles, including out-of-state vehicles and temporary substitute vehicles.

### **Crime Tip**

When using a credit or debit card to pay for meals at local restaurants, always make sure you get a receipt. Make sure the total on the receipt matches the amount due on the waiter's check. Recently, two local restaurant managers were charged with embezzlement. They were overcharging customers on their credit cards and made thousands of dollars in just a few months while perpetrating this scheme.

Sincerely,

Karen Dresner