

**Community Awareness meeting  
February 19, 2015 - 6pm**

Then next meeting will be on March 19, 2015  
At 6pm - location Dellwood City Hall  
PLEASE note it on your calendar!!!!

The meeting began with a talk from Det. Crocker, from the STLCO Fraud unit. His message was that each person has to be responsible for their own personal and financial affairs. It is the responsibility of the person to check their bank statements and credit card statements often and report any unusual activity immediately to the bank or card issuer. Also check your credit scores on a regular if not annual basis. The reports are free from all 3 major reporting companies at:

[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

If your identity is stolen or someone uses your credit, it is your responsibility to contact the bank or credit card company to get the report or evidence of the crime. This can be difficult if the bank or credit company feel it is a small amount and reimburse you, they usually do not prosecute the offender. If it is a large purchase against you, then it could affect all your future purchases and you need to do the work to prove the crime and get the paperwork and evidence for the police to follow.

The easiest way is to avoid any possibility of the crime. Protect your paperwork. Shred and destroy all documents with your name, address or SS#. Extreme caution is necessary. Don't think it wont happen to you, 4 residents at the meeting have been or/are now caught in this spiral.

Once a Year the City provides FREE shredding of documents at the Community Day events. Watch the newsletters or website and bring all your old documents to the Rec Center on that day for shredding. (No amount too small or too large)

The patrol officers have heard the request of the residents to stop the speeding and failure to stop at stop signs in residential neighborhoods. They have stopped many violators and written tickets. It has been a lot quieter on the streets of our city since the speeding has be curbed by these fine officers.

The week of Feb 15, there was a robbery on Foley. 3 gentlemen sitting in their car talking, were approached and robbed. If you are aware of any one who may be involved in this or any robbery or burglary... Please call the STLCO Police serving Dellwood at 889-2341 or stop by and talk with an officer. We have to stop these crimes against people, and it takes everyone watching and reporting suspicious or unusual activities.

January there were 8 cars stolen

Gun arrest - 6

27 Felony arrest

91 arrest (some traffic or fail to appear)

3 copper thefts

Sergeant Morgan also asked the residents to give their concerns and direct the Police Department in what they feel are the most important issues in the community:

- 1) Drugs - usage and sales
- 2) Businesses being run from residential homes (such as car repair) that are performed in driveways visible to all the neighbors and visitors - this lowers the property value of our community
- 3) Landlord vacant and poorly managed properties
- 4) Provide general location (street names) from burglaries and robberies that have occurred

Sergeant Morgan stated that his department was working on notifying landlords about the necessity to protect their unoccupied properties with lighting and security. He stated that they

have written letters to the landlords and are getting some response, but there are always the few that are difficult to reach, (possibly out of the area) but yet Our Police Department is putting a large effort into attacking this problem. They have offered the landlords an invisible ink pen to mark the copper in these homes so it can be traced and identified using a blacklight. These pens are not real expensive and if your going on vacation or away from your home for a long period, you may consider marking your valuables along with your copper pipes and AC.

Many of the residents in our City are not tech savvy, so we are trying to get a phone chain together to pass along reminders of meeting and important information. If you would volunteer to make a few calls monthly, or if you want to be on the telephone chain please sign-up at the next meeting. If you would like a text alert you can contact Dusty at City Hall = 531-4339 or if you want an email alert you can sign up on the City Webpage: [CityofDellwoodmo.com](http://CityofDellwoodmo.com)

It is important to get all the residents involved in protecting and improving our community. If you can not attend meeting, stay informed by reading our minutes along with all the City's agendas and minutes of meetings on the City Webpage: [CityofDellwoodmo.com](http://CityofDellwoodmo.com) or check in with your neighbors or local officials.

Sergeant Morgan and Officer Monroe stayed after the meeting discussing issues on a one to one level with some of the residents. If you have any concerns, bring them to the meeting. You can speak publicly or privately about your issues. The Police Officers need to know the issues of the City in order to assist us and correct the problems. Please Get Involved!

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## CONTACT NUMBERS

- ◆ **TransUnion**  
800-680-7289 Fraud Victim Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834-6790.  
<http://www.transunion.com/>
- ◆ **Equifax**  
800-525-6285  
P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374-0241  
[http://www.equifax.com/home/en\\_us](http://www.equifax.com/home/en_us)
- ◆ **Experian**  
1-888-397-3742  
P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013  
<https://www.experian.com/>
- ◆ **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**  
1-800-438-4338  
<http://www.ftc.gov>
- ◆ **FREE Annual Credit Report (via the Federal Trade Commission)**  
1-877-322-8228  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

One free credit report per year from each reporting bureau  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
**1-800-908-4490 (Tax Fraud/Identity Theft)**  
<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection>

Missouri Attorney General's Office  
<http://ago.mo.gov/publications/idtheft.htm>