

City of Dellwood Community Awareness Program - Newsletter
St. Louis County Police/Serving Dellwood
June 18, 2015

CRIME:

Burglaries: are increasing all over the North County area. Be alert, be aware, call the police if you see anything suspicious. Vacant houses are possibly being used to store stolen items. If you have an empty house in your area, please keep an eye on it. If you see anyone there, call the police.

As of June 18th, there were 6 Burglaries since school is out. It is believed that a lot of the burglaries in our city have been committed by people living in our area, they may even be your neighbor. Keep your eyes open. If you see someone staying in an recent empty house, call the City to verify the Occupancy Permit on that address, the city can not tell you who they are, but they can tell you if an occupancy permit was issued recently for that address.

The Police Department needs the help of the residents: Recent burglaries reported, No one has seen a thing and no one has reported suspicious activity. If you are not watching for your neighbors, they are not watching for you, so the next time you leave your home, you may be coming home to a surprise - a Burglary. Call Call on all suspicious activity!

The Police are very concerned about the large number of crimes in our City and the lack of cooperation from the Residents - The Police can not be everywhere all the time, it takes the residents to see and CALL on all suspicious activities. There are only 12 officer to cover 7 days a week * 24 hour a days.

January through May 2015

There were 84 Homicides in St. Louis City

There were 21 Homicides in North County

There were 6 Homicides in our neighboring community of Oakwood Park (south of Chambers Road and east of W Florissant). Police have made 2 arrest and have a "person of interest" in the others.

There were 30+ burglaries in our neighboring community of Oakwood Park - off Chambers Road.

In Dellwood: 12 Officers responded to 3983 call for service, they also initiated 3813 self-check calls. At present they have responded to 11,511 Total Calls. That is an excessive amount of Police Calls for such a small municipality as Dellwood.

In May there were two events of 2 cars driving W. Florissant shooting at each other.

In May: There were 42 Arrest, 148 Tickets Written, 11 Cars Towed and 9 Burglaries, total of 20 as of 6/17.

The Sergeant responded to 15 Occupancy issues the week of June 8th, working with the City Inspector.

Trespassing is becoming a problem now that school has recessed. If you see kids jumping fences, trespassing on your property or your neighbors, remind them this is a crime. The second time you see them, call the Police and report. Mentally note the color of their clothes, especially their shoes, their height and hair color/design. A good description can allow the Police to locate them and stop this lack of respect for homeowners and their property.

Solicitors - Are not Permitted in our City (exception - Religious or Political) - Call the Police!

A discussion was held on the large number of properties that have recently become Rental Properties or

Abandoned Properties or Neglected Properties. Police try to work with all new tenants, as not to jeopardize their vouchers if on Section 8 or to compromise their relations with their landlord - But if the problems are excessive or repetitive they have contacted HUD or the Landlord to try to correct the issues. Abandoned or Neglected Properties are under the control of our City Public Works Department - unless it is a criminal issue.

The St. Louis County Police have recently moved to a new location and have a new communication system. The old scanners will not transmit their calls. This was done to keep the bad guys from hearing police locations and concerns, and allow greater security and productivity for the Officers.

**POLICE HAVE A NEW NON-EMERGENCY PHONE #
636-529-8220
EMERGENCY CALLS - 911**

Please put this number in your phone directory or cell phone!

Several Officers have been transferred out of Dellwood to other assignments and new officers have already been assigned to our City to fill the Total 12 police positions.

Officer Monroe who has been working with Sgt. Morgan in our Neighborhood Program has been reassigned to the Oakwood Park Neighborhood. Officer Monroe has attended all of our meetings and been very courteous and responsive to all the residents. We will miss him - he did a great job. BUT - since his new assignment is next door to our City, he has offered to work with our City Police Department to help in many ways. I am sure we will be seeing him in the area.

Sergeant Morgan spoke on the need to Organize the Community Awareness Program:
Need Committee Volunteers, Need Signs to publicize Meeting Nights, .

Volunteers needed for:

Treasury & Finance Committee for ideas to raise money to pay for needs of program

Resident Awareness - Communications -

Increase Resident involvement - Recruitment

Any special talent you have - we can use it.

Special Thanks to Mary Thuet, Bonnie Palmer and Ruth McDonald for all their help and support in the past few months.

July 4th and Fireworks - STLCO Police/serving Dellwood will address any fireworks calls, ONLY if given an exact address of where the fireworks are located.

The next meeting of the Community Awareness Program will be held on July 16, 2015 at 6pm at the Dellwood Rec Center, Meeting Room. The reason for the change of location is to provide better parking. Bring a neighbor - All Residents are welcome.

Note: I recently attended the Oakwood park Neighborhood Watch Meeting on June 24. They are having the same problems and concerns that we are having in our City. They are our neighbors and their problems flow over into our City as our problems flow over into theirs. They believe the lack of housing inspections, and enforcement of code are a large issue causing problems. These are the same concerns we hear at our meetings.

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