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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 21st. 2012, at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker that evening will

be our very own Detective Jeff Hill. Jeff works primarily paper crimes including identity theft, credit card fraud, gift card fraud, fraudulent checks, money orders cashiers checks, and pretty much any other type of fraudulent activity. He also



was very instrumental in solving many of our ruse residential burglaries and attempted residential bulgaries. Jeff has presented several times to employees at our local banks. The emphasis for this presentation will be Ruse Burglaries. You will not want to miss this one.

The following dates have been scheduled for the 2011/2012 Neighborhood Watch General Meetings:

March 21st 2012 May 16th 2012 July 18th 2012 September 19th 2012

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS ...

Our first Neighborhood Watch general meeting of the year took place on Wed. January 18th, 2012 at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. This was the annual õState of Bloomingdaleö meeting where Mayor Iden,

Tustee Van Huben, Police Chief Frank Giammarese, Fire Chief Dave Christensen, and Village Services Director Mike Marchi spoke. There were approximately 35 residents that attended this meeting.

Mayor Iden spoke about new developments in the village including the upcoming Walmart expansion, Binnyøs, Ross Dress for Less, and HH Gregg. He mentioned the economic problems that many malls have been facing across the country. Stratford Square has been no exception but is under new management. Urban Investment is back and working to revitalize our mall. More to come on that at a future time. He also mentioned the police dispatch consolidation with the Village of Addison. That process is still moving forward. Many questions were asked about this consolidation move. Most were pertaining to the safety of our residents. Mayor Iden felt confident that our residents would not see any reduction of services with our dispatch

center moving to the Addison Police Department. Many police and fire agencies around Bloomingdale have already consolidated their Dispatch Centers. Essentially our calls for service would be dispatched from Addison P.D. The Bloomingdale Police Deaprtment would still be staffed 24 hours a day.

Chief Giammarese talked about our crime statistics for the calender year 2011. There were 693 total arrests, 3064 total case reports, 1298 traffic accidents, over 2000 parking citations issued, over 7000 written warning ciations issued, over 5000 traffic citations issued and over 700 non traffic citations issued. There were over 430 retail theft investigations which was the number one reported crime. Recently the village passed a synthetic cannabis ordinance. Police agencies are seeing more cases involving Synthetic cannabis. A large arrest was made in Lombard in reference to this new type of drug and a store in Stratford Square was also cited for selling a synthetic cannabis.

Fire Chief Christensen informed our residents that he is retiring from the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District effective Feburary 1st. He announced that his successor will be Deputy Chief Mike McNamara. Chief Christensen will continue to work in the private sector investigating fire cases. He felt confident that D/C McNamara will continue to lead the fire department to meet the public demands moving forward.

Chief Christensen also advised the residents, that the fire district was dispatched to over 4200 calls for service last year (65% of which were EMS calls). He also stated that the district purchased a new fire department truck which can hold up to 2000 gallons of water. The typical fire truck holds between 500 to 750 gallons of water. This truck will be a true asset for fighting fires in the unincorporated areas of the district.

He also mentioned that emergency plans are under way for the Ryder Cup golf event to be held at Medinah Country Club this September.

Congratulations again to Chief Christensen and thank you for your 30 plus years of service to our community.

The last speaker of the evening was Village Services Director Mike Marchi. Mike oversees our Public Works Department, Building And Zoning, Engineering, Forestry,



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õAdopt a Storm Grateö These programs ask residents that live near a fire hydrant or a storm grate to keep them free of snow and debris. This is a small way to give a little back to the community and can potentially save a

life or house from fire and flooding. Contact Village Services with more information on these two programs (630-893-7073).

He also stated that the village has had to replace 400 out of approximately 2,300 Ash trees in the village due to the Emerald Ash Bore. He also added recent infrastucture inprovements at the village waste treatment center have been completed.

Mike also informed the residents that Com Ed is currently replacing approximately 10 miles of underground cable at various locations in town. Also mentioned was the Village õCode Redö system. Once enrolled on that system, you, as a resident, will be informed via your phone of any important message from the village that may affect your home or neighborhood. Go to the Village website for further information on Code Red.

Our Neighborhood Watch meetings are for you, our residents. As you have read, there is a tremendous amount of information passed along from our presenters and from each other. Communication is the key to a successful Neighborhood Watch program.

CURRENT CASES

Criminal Damage to Property/Attempt Residential Burglary

On Friday January 27th at 9:45 pm, an alarm company reported a possible burglary to a residence on the 100 block of Founders Point South. Upon the officers arrival they did a search of the exterior of the home and noticed that the patio door had several pry marks on the frame. The phone box on the house had also been tampered with as the phone lines were cut. It did not appear that entry was gained into the residence. Officers were able to track shoewear impressions in the fresh snow to the Indian Lakes subdivision. The officers lost the impressions near Raven Lane.

It was later learned that a Cook County Law Enforcement Task Force had been tracking several suspects that had earlier committed a residential buglary in Addison and were the same offenders responsible for this attempt. Several arrests were made near the Shark City Restaurant/Bar in Glendale Heights. This õcrewö of burglars used several different vehicles when committing these burglaries.

Residential Burglary

On Tuesday, January 31st at 12:57 in the afternoon, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Prairie Ave. for a possible



residential burglary in progress. Upon arrival, officers found an offender climbing out of a master bedroom window (ground level). He was immediately taken into custody and his accomplice who was waiting in a vehicle on the street a few houses away was arrested as well. One offender was from Chicago the other from Wheeling. Jewelry had been taken by the offender and was recovered from his person.

A couple points of interest from the offenders perspective. The offender in the vehicle had phone communication with the offender that had gained entry into the residence. They had a signal with the phone if the police or homeowner arrived while in the residence. The offender only entered the master bedroom and the window in which he entered through was unlocked. There were dogs in the house and the master bedroom door was kept shut. The offender did not want to engage the dogs. There were no cars in the driveway or carport. This residence did not have a garage. There was no alarm service, however there was a very alert neighbor who saw the suspicious activity at the victimøs residence and the suspicious car down the street. Both the offenders had drug dependency issues and had previous arrests for similar crimes. They felt the house õlooked quiet.ö

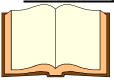
Disorderly Conduct – On January 31st at 11:52 pm Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Ironwood in reference to an unknown male subject yelling into an open window of a residence. Officers located the 26 year old male subject from Bloomingdale walking down the middle of Ironwood yelling and shouting obscenities towards them. This subject was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and being an intoxicated subject on the roadway.

Commercial Burglary- An employee of Old Country Buffet reported that sometime between 12:56 am and 1:04 am on Saturday Feburary 4th an unknown person entered the office area and removed currency from the safe. Taken was over \$500.00 dollars.

Theft- An employee of Verizon Wireless at Stratford Square mall reported that sometime between 8:30 pm and 9:00 pm on Saturday, February 4th person(s) unknown removed an Apple I-Phone 4 from a display stand. The phone is valued at over \$550 dollars.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle- A women reported that sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 pm on Thursday, February 9th an unknown person by unknown means gained entry into a 2011 Chevy that was parked at Michaels Crafts. Taken was a black bag which contained a 17 inch Apple Mac Book computer, power cords, and adapters from the rear compartment of the vehicle. The value of the computer and accessories is over \$1200.00 dollars.

Jan. 01 through Jan. 29th, 2012



Accident Reports-103 DUI Arrests-12 Case Reports-103 Traffic Stops-893 Service Calls- 1122