



These types of scams are all too common. These scam-artists tend to prey on the elderly. **We** need to educate our senior citizens about these type of scams and be ever so observant of our surroundings.



At our meeting, questions were asked about the different alarm systems that are available. Suggestions were made to have alarm companies install battery back up systems in the event the alarm phone lines are cut by offenders.

Another suggestion was to have the alarm phone lines hidden or surrounded with different types of material to make it more difficult to cut. Video cameras were also suggested as another modern device to thwart residential burglaries. An idea was presented for a future Neighborhood Watch meeting that we have various representatives from alarm vendors to discuss the most current technology available.

Another question from a resident was what do burglars do with items that are stolen. A common theme with most residential burglaries is jewelry. Most of the jewelry is sold at pawn shops; cash for gold stores or dropped in mailers to out of state locations that buy and melt precious metals.

Our guest speaker was William Lawler from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. He provided our residents with an overview of the police academy at the College of Dupage, including the new state of the art Homeland Security building. This building is expected to be completed in August. Bill provided our residents with a powerpoint presentation showing the many features of the building. It will house the College Law Enforcement program; the Fire Science program; the Homeland Security program; the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, and the College of Dupage Public Safety Department. The building will include a street scene that will have store fronts, street lights etc. The classrooms, lecture halls, and street scene area, all have video capabilities to capture all the many training scenarios. When this Homeland Security building is completed an upcoming meeting may consist of a tour of that facility.



As of January 2011 there were 74 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. Since that time there have been six new block captains added. Orchard Lane, Tee Lane, Eric Ct, Wimbledon Pl., Warwick Ln., and Thrasher Ct. are the areas that have been added. Officer Giertz has also developed a pin map of where our Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are located. This will assist us visually with the areas that we need to work on for future block captains. If you are interested in seeing how your neighborhood is represented, you can view this map either at a neighborhood watch meeting or at the police department.

## CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

### **Theft/Unlawful use of Credit Cards Olive Garden (332 W. Army Trail Road)**



The victim in this case reported that while she was dining at Olive Garden, person(s) unknown removed numerous credit cards from her purse that was located on a chair next to her. The credit cards were immediately used at the Target store in Glendale Heights. The complainant remembered two male African Americans sitting at a table next to her while at the Olive Garden. Video was obtained from Target and the complainant confirmed it was the same two suspects that were sitting next to her.

**Note:** Other Thefts of purses and/or their contents have been reported in which the victims were shopping or dining in restaurants and left their belongings unattended (for a short period of time). Please keep your purses close to you while dining. It only takes a brief moment for an offender to reach in a purse and grab credit cards. Many times the cards are used within 10 minutes at a nearby store as was the case in this incident.

### **Burglaries to Motor Vehicles**

There were six Burglary to Motor Vehicle complaints reported during the month of March. Four of the six were forced entry via a shattered window. Two were reported in Bloomfield Club during midnight hours; one in the Walmart lot; one at Stratford Square; one at a business on Longview Dr. , and the last at Lifetime Fitness. Taken was a laptop, briefcase, Garmin GPS, tools, an Apple I-Pod and Nintendo DS hand held videogame.

### **Signs**

The police department has ordered new Neighborhood Watch street signs. If you would like a sign replaced or have a suggestion for the placement of a new sign, please call Deputy Chief Randy Sater at 630-529-9868.

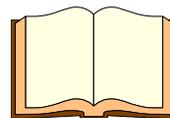


### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...**

**Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 18th, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.**

The scheduled speaker is Gene Beckler a sales representative with ADT alarm systems. He will present the newest and most advanced alarm systems that are on the market today for residential use. ADT has the majority of market coverage for residential alarm systems in the Village of Blomingtondale. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided. Hope to see you there!

### **Statistics: Jan. 01 through April 11, 2011**



Accident Reports:	332
Case Reports:	672
Service Calls:	4327
DUI Arrests:	47
Traffic Stops:	3163