



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE  
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Our next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7:30 p.m. This will be our first meeting of the year and is traditionally been the State of Bloomingtondale meeting. Scheduled speakers will be Mayor Iden (or designee); Director of Village Services Mike Marchi; Police Chief Frank Giammarese; and Fire Chief Dave Christensen. Each of our village leaders will provide updated and new information pertaining to their areas of expertise. There will certainly be a question and answer session to ask that question that you always wanted to ask.



#### Mark your calendars!

The following dates have been scheduled for the 2011/2012

#### Neighborhood Watch General Meetings:

January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2012	May 16 <sup>th</sup> 2012
March 21 <sup>st</sup> 2012	July 18 <sup>th</sup> 2012



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS ...

Our last Neighborhood Watch general meeting of the year took place on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Homeland Security building at the College of Dupage. There were approximately 25 residents in attendance for this meeting and tour. The Suburban Law Enforcement Academy Director, Bill Lawler welcomed our residents in a classroom at this new facility. A short film was shown from when the building opened in August. The film showed a training event "Police Shootout" in the street scene of the building. From there, the residents toured the "street" area of the building and several of the high-tech classrooms. They were able to see the academy classroom, as well as their exercise mat room. Also on display was a beam from one of the New York City Trade Center Towers. You couldn't help but be touched by looking at this piece of history.

The residents that were present enjoyed this tour and were very impressed with the cutting edge technology that is being utilized in this facility for the training of our future police officers and firefighters. As Director Lawler

explained with this new facility, you are only limited with what you can do by your own imagination.

### CURRENT CASES

#### **Ruse Residential Burglary/Theft-** On

November 4<sup>th</sup> at approx. 1:40 pm an 85-year-old male victim reported that two male Hispanics wearing grey clothing with dark glasses and medium build, approximately 30 to 40 years of age, approached himself and his wife at their residence requesting to see the backyard, as they were doing leaf removal in the area. This residence is in the 100 block of N. Maple. One of the male Hispanics proceeded to the backyard and the other one requested access into the residence to view the yard from within. Once inside the home, the possible offender kept making and receiving phone calls as well as the offender outside. The homeowner became suspicious and reported same. Unknown to the homeowners at the time, a third offender had entered the home and took approximately \$15,000.00 worth of jewelry. Initially, the homeowners had no idea that anything was missing. When the homeowners advised the two offenders that they were calling the police they fled in their vehicle and were gone prior to the arrival of the police. This case was investigated and offenders were identified. This investigation is currently ongoing.



**Residential Burglary-** The police department is investigating a residential burglary which occurred in the area of N. Circle and Park Ave. on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 am and 4:30 pm. The unknown offender gained entry by prying open the back door. Taken were numerous silver dollars and a gold heart shaped pendant. Neighbors recall seeing a dark colored 4 door car parked near the victim's residence at approximately 11:00 am on the date of the burglary.

**Residential Burglary-** On Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm police officers responded to a residence on the 100 block of Northwoods Lane (Bloomfield Hills subdivision) in reference to a residential burglary. The offender(s) gained unlawful entry into the residence by forcing open a ground level entry door. The time frame was between 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm. A grey canvass gym



**Residential Burglary** On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:25 pm officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Cambridge Lane for a residential burglary investigation. The front door was forced open, the exterior front lights

had been turned off and Christmas lights unplugged. The master bedroom was entered and jewelry taken. An X Box 360 game console was also taken. The burglary occurred while the homeowners were out for dinner, between 7:00 pm and 10:15 pm.

**Attempt Residential Burglary**-On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at approx 6:08 pm officers responded to an activated alarm on the 300 block of Montabello Dr. Officers observed the front door had been forced open but did not observe any signs that entry was gained into the house. It appears that the audible alarm thwarted this burglary.

**Residential Burglary**-On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> another residential burglary was reported on the 200 block of Nordic Lane. This burglary occurred sometime between Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm and Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. The front door was forced open and jewelry taken.

As you have read most of these residential burglaries occurred during the daytime or early evening hours. We must be vigilant and watch over our neighborhoods. Unless the offender(s) lives in the immediate area, most of them must have some type of transportation either bicycle or vehicle. That also means they have to park that mode of transportation somewhere nearby. They may park on the street, business lot or a parking lot. The point is that the bad guys are not going to be far from their escape routes and transportation. In many cases, they are going to be holding some type of bag or pillow case. They are very much going to attempt to fit in with the neighborhood. We need to work together to solve these crimes. Please call 911 if you suspect anything out of the ordinary. That call could protect your neighbor's house from being the next target.

**Retail Theft and Fleeting and Eluding the Police**- On November 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm, 10 -12 black females entered the Toys R Us store. One of these subjects attempted to exit the store with a television without paying for same. When the loss prevention agent attempted to stop the offender she shoved the shopping cart at him and ran back into the store. All the subjects then rapidly exited the store including the offender and entered three different vehicles. All three vehicles left the area. A traffic stop was attempted on one of the vehicles in which the offender had fled in. This vehicle was described as a black 2006 Chevy Trailblazer that

registered to a female subject in Chicago. The vehicle did not stop for the police and fled to the Elgin O'Hare expressway and was last seen heading towards the city. An investigation is currently underway.

There were several cases and arrests made involving possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. There were also several cases that involved the theft of lost or mislaid property and many arrests for retail theft.

**Reminders**- As of Jan. 1, 2012 a new seat belt law will take effect. All passengers including the driver must be wearing seat belts regardless of where they are sitting in the vehicle and the age of the driver. Also the use of hand held cell phones is prohibited in school zones; construction zones; and the city of Chicago. It is also illegal to text while driving anywhere. Let's not forget to also make sure we drive with our headlights on when the windshield wipers are activated.

**A few tips for winter driving.**

- Drive slower and increase your following distance. Roadway conditions may vary depending upon the sun, shade, or roadway surface.
- Remove all snow and ice from your vehicle. Clear all windows, and do not start driving until your windshield is defrosted and clear. Be sure to have non-freezing windshield washer fluid and that your headlights and tail lights are visible.
- Be sure your vehicle is maintained properly. Lights, brakes, windshield wipers, defrosters, and other parts should be in good working order.
- Begin braking early when approaching an intersection or a stop.
- Approach bridges, shaded spots, overpasses, and turns slowly. They may remain icy after the rest of the roadway is clear and dry.
- Plan ahead for winter driving. Carry a blanket, food, and other survival equipment such as a shovel, in your vehicle in case you become stranded.



**To our Neighborhood Watch Block Captains:**



Have a wonderful holiday season, and thanks for all that you do for our community.

**Statistics: Jan. 01 through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

<b>Accident Reports</b>	<b>1195</b>
<b>DUI Arrests</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Case Reports</b>	<b>2701</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>11,107</b>
<b>Service Calls</b>	<b>15,407</b>

