

# BROADVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Chief Luis C. Tigera

## Police Watch

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**ANONYMOUS**  
Crime Tips can be Sent to:  
[COPS@Broadview-il.gov](mailto:COPS@Broadview-il.gov)

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## Town Hall Meeting brings residents, Police and Fire together

On March 28th, Police Chief Luis Tigera and Fire Chief Thomas Gaertner met with residents for a Public Safety Town Hall Meeting at Schroeder Park. Both Chiefs made presentations to attendees about their vision for the future of their respective departments as well as some of the challenges they've both faced, asking their staff to work harder with less. Following the layoffs in 2006, the Police Department and the Fire Department have endeavored to continuously offer the same high level of service Broadview residents have become accustomed to, while also working within the parameters of a limited budget. Police Chief Tigera spoke about how crime analysis is helping the police department allocate resources more effectively. He also wanted residents to know that since 2012, this police department has hired five new Police Officers and promoted seven from within the ranks.

2013 initiatives are as follows:

- Continued suppression of Gangs, Guns and Drugs with cooperation from Illinois State Police and other area agencies.
- Burglary Blitz focusing on deterrence, education and enforcement.
- Crime Prevention Brochures dealing with crimes specific to Broadview.
- Expanding Community Outreach efforts, including new classes for children on dealing with Strangers, bicycle safety and more.

Tasked with thinking outside the box, both men moved forward with the restructuring of their departments with the intention of becoming more efficient for the future. Police Chief Tigera and Fire Chief Gaertner are committed to providing service which surpasses the expectations of residents and business leaders alike. We're grateful to those who attended this Town Hall meeting, and we look forward to more opportunities for forums like this in the future.



Next

Meeting is

April 26th 7pm

@ Village Hall

Find out more about your Police Department by visiting the Village of Broadview's website: [www.Broadview-il.gov](http://www.Broadview-il.gov)

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## A message to Broadview Seniors

This is a reminder to Broadview Senior Citizens that springtime is when the home improvement con-artists usually come to Broadview to prey on our residents. These criminals specifically seek out the elderly, who they see as easy targets for theft.

Be wary of anyone who comes to your home without an appointment and offers to make repairs, even if the price is too good to pass up. These fake contractors are fast talkers, and master manipulators. Their goal is to confuse and intimidate you into giving up your money.

Sometimes these thieves will even attempt to enter your home by asking to borrow water or use the restroom.

Their operation is detailed and pre-rehearsed. They usually drive a van or pickup truck, which can make them appear to be legitimate business men.

Don't fall for it. Call the police immediately. We'll be happy to introduce ourselves to your unsolicited visitor.

**If you do find yourself a victim of this type of crime, don't feel ashamed. These offenders use time-testing strategies to take advantage of kindness, not foolishness. It's still very important to notify police as quickly as possible. Apprehension of these criminals can prevent your neighbors from becoming victims in the future, and the criminals will learn that Broadview residents are serious about crime prevention.**



## Spring Motorcycle safety

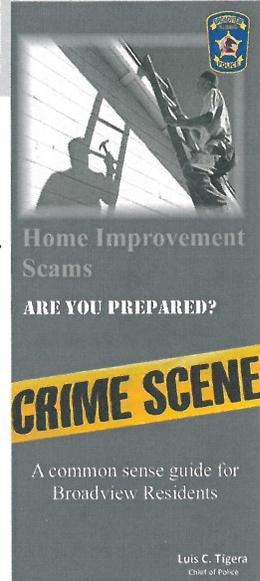
You already know how much fun riding a motorcycle can be. There's nothing quite like the exhilaration of cruising the open road and the challenge of controlling a spirited motorcycle. But motorcycling also can be dangerous. The latest vehicle mile travel data show motorcyclists are about 27 times as likely as passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle traffic crash and 6 times as likely to be injured. Safe motorcycling takes balance, coordination, and good judgment.

Experienced riders know local traffic laws - and they don't take risks. Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times, even using high beams during the day.

Source: nhtsa.gov

**START SEEING  
MOTORCYCLES**

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Copies of the above brochure will soon be available at the Police Department and Village Hall

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