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Chief of Police L. Tigera

Police Watch

December 2012

Nixle-Connect is up and running.

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Snowfall reminder:

Any vehicle on the street after a snow fall exceeding 2 inches is subject to ticketing and towing under Village Ordinance 7-4-2-1.

We now have the ability to directly notify the public via text message whenever there is a situation we feel is important to share. Once you've registered your cell phone number, we'll be able to notify you whenever there's something we think you'd like to know. Emergency situations, road closures and Neighborhood watch info are just a few of the ways we plan to utilize this new technology.



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Crime Tips can be Sent to:

COPS@Broadview-il.gov

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS 2012



Broadview Public Library

Next meeting

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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



We Immediately Report All Suspicious Activities to Our Police Department

January 25th

7:00 pm

For the second straight year, members of the Police Department and Fire Department are joining with the Park District and the Broadview Public Library to help make Christmas something special for families around Broadview who may be struggling in this economy.

Last year, with help from public donations, we were lucky enough to provide toys, gifts and clothing to six needy families in Broadview.

In 2011, members from all four entities donated their time and energy just before Christmas, when they loaded up police cars and fire trucks with bags full of gifts. You may remember seeing the emergency light parade passing your house. The looks on the faces of children who didn't expect much from Santa last year, were priceless. This year, planning began quite a bit earlier, so we're hoping to make an even bigger impact.

Hopefully you received a post card in the mail asking for a very small donation. We can assure you that this is a great cause! These toys and gifts go directly to children IN BROADVIEW.

Please help us make it special. Donations can always be dropped off at the Village Hall, or at the Park District building. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Find out more about your Police Department by visiting the Village of Broadview's website: www.Broadview-il.gov

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Good decision making At Komarek School

Recently, Sgt. Kostka was invited to speak to children at Komarek school in North Riverside about the importance of good decision making. This appearance was part of Komarek's "Red-Ribbon Week", which is an anti-drug campaign, designed to teach children about the dangers of drug use.

Police Officers have a unique perspective when it comes to drug use. Unfortunately, we sometimes see those who struggle with drug

abuse as the disease progresses. In other words, we sometimes watch people go from leading productive lives, to something much more destructive and sad. Many times, we as Police Officers are able to look back at specific points in a drug abusers life, and recognize that the individual could have made some key decisions differently. Sometimes one bad decision can change things forever.

Making children realize that they have immense power over the direction of their own lives is our challenge.

When speaking to the children of Komarek school, Sgt. Kostka gave examples to illustrate how one bad decision can snowball. He spoke about criminals who are now unable to find work because of a single arrest. He spoke about students who were kicked out of school because of troubled behavior and now find themselves struggling to keep up academically with their peers.

Getting through to children can be difficult, especially when it comes to their future. Kids have limited life experience and tend to live only for today, so it's important that we remind them that THEY will be one ones who suffer tomorrow for today's bad decisions.

"Real Men Read" at Roosevelt School

The Police Department is committed to setting a good example for the children of Broadview. The impact of a positive influence in a child's life cannot be overstated.

Roosevelt Grammar School's "Real Men Read" event brought distinguished and accomplished men from the community together for a day to demonstrate the unquestionable importance of literacy.

Police Chief Tigera was one of several men who took time out of their day to read to the children of Roosevelt School.

After reading a book to a classroom of children, Chief Tigera went on to explain how he got where he is today. He credited a good education and lots of hard work. He also praised teachers for the hard work they do.

What followed was a lively Q&A session, where the children sought answers to questions on a variety of topics.

We're grateful to have been asked to participate in this important event, and we look forward to more opportunities such as this in the future.



Cops for coats

In addition to "Operation Santa Claus", this year, the Police Department is holding it's first annual coat drive. Boxes will be placed at the Village Hall, the Park District and the Library to collect coats for adults and children who may need them this winter. Please consider donating your old coats (good condition only, please) at any of these three locations during December. All collected coats will be donated to our local Salvation Army donation center or other charitable organization.

Did you know?

Almost 20 percent of incarcerated adults are completely illiterate

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