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Police Watch

Community Outreach

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This Police Watch newsletter is just one of the ways that the Broadview Police Department is trying to connect with our Community. By sharing information and crime statistics, we can keep you informed about what's happening in town.

We hope that you'll find it informative. Please contact us with your suggestions. COPS@broadview-il.gov

ANONYMOUS
Crime Tips can be
Sent to:
COPS@Broadview-il.gov

Since January 1st, 2012, the Broadview Police Department has been reaching out to the community more than ever before. The newly created Community Outreach Program Bureau was created to help the Police Department connect with the residents and businesses of Broadview.

By holding regular Community Outreach meetings, and meeting with specific groups, the C.O.P.'s Bureau hopes to act as the face of the Police Department.

C.O.P.'s Officers William Lyles Sr. and Thomas Kostka have already partnered with Superintendent Valerie Moore and Principal Sunil Mody at Lindop School, to take part in many of the school's various programs. We also look forward to working closely with Roosevelt School in the near future.

The Broadview Police Department believes that these positive relationships are crucial within our community. Officers who can serve as positive role models, can start to work preventatively against crime, instead of just reacting to it.



C.O.P.'s Officer William Lyles Sr. Bonding with a new friend at Lindop School.

Visit us on



Street Parking

Don't forget..

No street parking
2-5am

Vehicle on the
street are subject
to ticketing

Home Improvement Scams

Spring is the time of year when Broadview and many other suburbs typically experience what we call "Home Ruse-Entry" or "Con-artist" crimes.

In this type of crime, the criminals will make contact with a homeowner and offer to do some work on or in the home. They

may present themselves as reputable business men or women. They may even wear uniforms or claim to be Village employees. The Con-artist might offer to patch your concrete, fix shingles on your roof, or any number of things. They might offer to do the work at a discount -

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Home Improvement Scams-continued.

or even for free. Sometimes these thieves will try to scam you out of your money by over-billing you. Sometimes, they'll even try to enter your home to steal your valuables.

If anyone comes to your home offering their services, without an appointment, call the Police immediately. We'll be happy to verify their credentials.

Don't be a victim!

Some of the scams we've seen in Broadview:

1. Offers to fix driveways.
2. Shingle replacement/leaky roof.
3. Mortgage re-financing deals.
4. Social Security scams.
5. "Meter readers" who insist on entering your home.
6. Aggressive salesmen.



Phone Scams

Telemarketing fraud is a crime. Criminals use the phone to commit many different types of fraud, including sweepstakes and lottery frauds, loan fraud, buying club memberships, and credit card scams.

Telephone scammers are good at what they do. They say anything and target everyone to try to cheat people out of money. They may call you and imply that they work for a company you trust, or they may send direct mail or place ads to convince **you** to call **them**

TIPS TO AVOID BEING SCAMMED

1. **Never** provide any personal data over the phone unless you made the call yourself. Even if the caller seems legit.
2. Avoid agreeing to anything that sounds too good to be true. It probably is.

The "Broken Window Theory of Crime".

The broken windows theory was first introduced by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling, in an article titled "Broken Windows" and which appeared in the March 1982 edition of The Atlantic Monthly.

The theory states that if a community allows a broken window to go un-repaired, this will eventually lead to more broken windows. If that too becomes acceptable, soon squatters will take up residence in the building. Eventually litter will pile up, which invites even more blight and possibly more serious crime.

As your Police Department, we are committed to preventing this type of apathy within our Village. We encourage you to report ALL crime or evidence of crime. Together we can improve the environment in which we live and work, but we must agree to work together.



The "Broken Window theory of crime" tells us that when we ignore the minor violations, those violations become acceptable. It's all downhill from there...

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Did you know?

The average drunk driver drives drunk 80 times before first arrest.

Next month: The "Community Harmony Project"