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Police Watch

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Halloween Safety tips from the Chief

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 with you, 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

Halloween in Broadview is celebrated on October 31st, with "Trick or Treat" hours from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, and their guests. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween - Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time!

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof. The eyeholes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.
- Treating your children to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.
- Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.
- Children should not enter homes unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.
- Children always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer. It's best to let the children clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- Teaching your children basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars with strangers and not talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Chief of Police Luis Tigera

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

Next meeting

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October 26th

7:00 pm

Crime Mapping comes to Broadview October 15th!!

In order to proactively share with the public accurate and up-to-date information about crime, the Broadview Police Department will go live with CrimeMapping.com. The Web site allows residents to see a map of recent crime activity, near an address — such as that of their home, place of business, or child’s school. They can select crime types and date ranges, generate reports, and receive e-mail updates in the form of crime alerts.



CrimeMapping.com helps to strengthen community-oriented policing by improving collaboration between citizens and the police. The site includes each incident’s case number, so that citizens can follow up. Officers can use it live at community meetings, to provide reliable crime information and encourage citizens to report offenses, and in the field, to gain intelligence about neighborhoods. CrimeMapping.com is part of the “comparison statistics” (CompStat) policing model, which increases the public’s trust in and cooperation with the police, as well as the effectiveness of police operations. It automatically pulls information from police records management systems every twenty-four hours and uses ESRI technology to locate each event before posting it, to insure data integrity and accuracy. The incident data is being extracted directly from our CAD system. The Broadview Police Department has achieved a new level of transparency and trust through the use of Web-based technology provided by The Omega Group in partnership with Larimore Associates, Inc. We hope you take advantage of this new technology.

“Patriot’s Day” at Lindop School

On September 11th, 2012, Lindop Grammar School held a “Patriot’s Day” event to reflect on the events of September 11th, 2001, and to pay respect to the men, women and children who lost their lives on that horrific day.

School officials and the entire student body gathered in the north parking area as members of the Broadview Police and Fire Departments assisted with the raising of the American Flag. The Star Spangled Banner filled the air, following a moment of silence.

Special recognition was extended to all of the first responders who risked and in many cases lost their lives trying to save others on 9/11. Their bravery and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Many of the students from Lindop who attended the event weren’t even born in 2001, but their patriotism and enthusiasm was something to be admired.



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