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POLICE WATCH

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Holiday Crime Avoidance Tips



There are certain crimes which occur more often during the holiday season, so we want to make sure Broadview residents are prepared to be as safe as possible during this time of year. Here are some things to remember:

- Place gifts in the trunk of your car instead of in the passenger area where a thief can see them. Thieves do their own form of window shopping. They look in parked cars for gifts and other merchandise, and will break through car windows to get at such valuables.
- For women, don't leave your purse in the shopping cart. Carry it with you and keep it zipped.
- Have your keys readily available in your hand before you go to your car.
- Don't talk on a cell phone when walking through parking lots and streets. Your phone conversation is a distraction that makes you vulnerable to robbers. Keep your full attention on your surroundings. Also, your cell phone itself can be a tempting target to thieves.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- Look on the back of your credit cards for the customer service phone number. Put that number in your cell phone, so that IF you lose a card, you can easily and quickly have it canceled before a criminal can make purchases with it.
- Don't look vulnerable. Stand straight and walk with confidence and purpose, scanning your surroundings with your eyes. Criminals seek people who appear to be easy targets.
- Always park in well lit areas of a parking lot.
- Limit the amount of cash you carry with you and consider separating it, keeping some in each pocket instead of all in one place.
- Don't advertise that new flat screen TV by leaving the box outside for garbage pickup.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- Trust your instincts.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

PROGRAM IN FORCE

We report all Suspicious Persons & Activities to our Law Enforcement Agency

There will be **NO** Broadview Neighborhood Watch meeting in December
See you Jan 31st.

ANONYMOUS Crime Tips can be Sent to:
COPS@broadviewil.gov

Sign up to receive free emergency text alerts from the Broadview Police
By visiting: Nixle.com

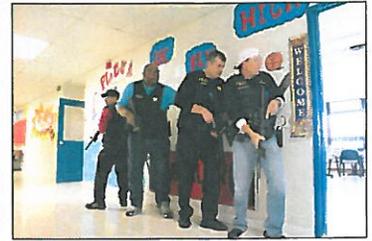
See current Broadview crime events by visiting:
Crimemapping.com

Dial 911 for emergencies.
(708) 345-6550 for Non-emergency police assistance

Be safe and enjoy the holidays!

POLICE AND FIRE TRAIN AS PARTNERS FOR SERIOUS EVENTS IN BROADVIEW

The Police and Fire Departments are constantly training. Methods are improved and updated over time, new people are hired, and reinforcement of learned skills is necessary. However, Police and Fire will almost always respond together in some capacity to serious incidents, so it makes sense that we should train together occasionally to make our response more effective. During a serious event, efficient communication and cooperation between first responders of different departments and agencies is of utmost importance. Recently, we teamed up with Paramedics from the Fire Department to coordinate a joint response to an Active Shooter situation at one of our schools or businesses. Scenarios were presented and our first responders worked in teams to eliminate the threat and offer medical assistance to those who were injured. When the training was over, it was time to evaluate what went well and what needs improvement. Every serious event is dynamic by nature and our response will need to be fluid and adaptable. As much as we all hope something like this never occurs in Broadview, repetition training of basic life saving response measures assures that we're ready when the time comes.



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"A New Look. A New Focus.
Renewed Commitment to
Excellence in Service."

Beginning January 1st, 2014, Officers from this department will begin wearing a brand new patch. This new patch is the first re-design since the 1980's. In fact, there have only been four other BPD patches since the 1960's, so it was time for a change. While the new patch retains most of the traditional look, the shape is just a little more contemporary. Officers from every division within the de-

partment provided input, and eventually came to agreement over the new design. Since in 2014 we commemorate the village's 100th year, we thought this would be the perfect time to unveil our new look.

EMERGENCY Dial 911

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