

BROADVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Outreach Program Bureau

POLICE WATCH

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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS 2014



2014 is the fourth year in a row, we have partnered with village officials, the park district, Broadview Public Library and the fire department to deliver gifts to deserving Broadview families at Christmas time. This year, we're happy to announce that Broadview Wesleyan Church will be joining our team and helping to make this mission the best yet. If you'd like to donate and help your neighbors this Christmas, contact Sgt. Tom Kostka at (708) 345-6550 or by email at tkostka@broadview-il.gov

Recognition of excellence

Congratulations to Detective Michael Bulava and Officer Eric Davis for receiving awards at this year's Cook County Sheriff's Police award banquet

Detective Bulava received an Award of Merit for DUI enforcement. Officer Davis received an Award of Valor for entering a burning apartment to rescue a disabled resident. Great job guys! We're proud of you!



Broadview Police get "social"

Police departments around the world are learning that social media is a perfect way to instantly communicate with the public.

Whether we need to issue a crime alert, or just let you know what we're up to in the community, we can get the important information into your hands more quickly than ever with just a few clicks.

With nearly 100 Facebook "likes", and many of you sharing our posts, our message IS already reaching a large audience.

Sgt. Tom Kostka said "Facebook is proving to be an extremely effective way for us to connect with our residents. Not only are we sending out information to the community, but because of the way we've configured the page, our followers can respond to our posts; providing an opportunity for dialogue. This is not merely a way to advertise the police department, it's more like a virtual town hall meeting, because we read, and in many cases respond to your comments".

You can find us on Facebook by searching for:
Broadview Police Department Community Outreach

facebook.



Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU!
Broadview Neighborhood Watch meets at the Village Hall on the last Friday of every month, 7pm. See you there.

See current Broadview crime events at:

CRIMEMAPPING.com

Receive emergency text alerts:



Anonymous Crime Tips can be sent to: cops@broadview-il.gov

Dial **911** for Emergencies and **345-6550** for non-emergency Police assistance



POLICE WATCH BLOTTER...



Do you recognize these subjects?



Our Detective Bureau is attempting to identify the subjects who appear above. If you recognize these individuals, please call (708) 345-6550 and ask to speak to a Detective, or email anonymously to: cops@broadview-il.gov

"COPS for COATS" coat drive

For the third year in a row, the police department will be accepting new and lightly used outerwear, to be donated to the Salvation Army. A collection box has been placed in the village lobby and we will be collecting the garments throughout December.



How to be a good witness:

Everyday, this police department takes dozens of calls from members of the community asking us to respond to a given situation. In many cases, the information provided by the caller is crucial to whether or not our response is effective.

Here are some tips that will help us help you:

- Do your best to remain calm.
- Be clear and concise with the information you provide over the phone.
- If there is an offender on scene, get a good look at him or her. Provide an accurate and detailed description to the call taker.
- If the offender flees the scene, try to provide a direction of travel.
- Stay on the line. It may be necessary for us to get more information from you as officers arrive on scene.
- **Don't worry that your personal information will be given to the offender. This is against our protocol and would ruin the trust we work so hard to maintain.**



With accurate information, officers arrive on scene ready to take the appropriate action.

We rely on you to help us, and we appreciate that help!