



O'Fallon Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



September 1st, 2016

If you live near a street light that is not working,
we want to know.

Light matters in terms of crime prevention. Criminals like the cover of darkness and the more light an area has, the less a criminal will feel comfortable. O'Fallon Patrol Officers routinely look for these out street lights, but we don't always see them immediately. Please call us at (618) 624-4545 to report the outage.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
THIS NEWSLETTER
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL

Police/Fire **Emergency – 911**

Non-Emergency Police – 624-4545

Non-Emergency Fire – 624-4519

City Hall – 624-4500

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⇒ Consider exterior cameras that are capable of capturing images at night or cameras that have night vision.

As stated before, cameras have proved very beneficial to us in solving crimes. If you would like to let us know you have a system and are willing to share that footage if needed, you can email wbarlock@ofallon.org or contact us at (618) 624-4545 and provide your address and contact information.



If you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, contact Detective William Barlock at (618) 624-9555 or wbarlock@ofallon.org



Closed Circuit Television (CCTV).

Surveillance systems can be very useful. Folks can monitor what's going on at home, deter crime by advertising their cameras, or catch a criminal if you are a victim of crime. Focusing on the latter, cameras have been extremely useful in our investigations and often produce useful leads to bring criminals to justice. Here are a few tips in case you have a system or thinking about getting a system – They are cheap nowadays...

⇒ If possible have a camera pointed at each entrance and exit of your house as well as your basement stairs if you have cameras installed inside. Even if the point of entry was somewhere other than your front or back door, chances are the

burglar will have attempted to ring the doorbell or check the door handle to see if it was unlocked.

- ⇒ Consider a camera pointed at the sidewalk or street or even at the end of your driveway. If you decide to place one at the end of your driveway, keep it hidden and keep it low to capture license plates.
- ⇒ Make sure your camera lens is focused properly and capturing what you want it to capture.
- ⇒ Avoid placing your cameras too high. The best angle is eye level to capture the face of a criminal.
- ⇒ Inspect your system at regular intervals to make sure the cameras and camera system is still operating properly.

Nextdoor has proved to be a great communication device. If you are getting this in an email and are not signed up for Nextdoor, we encourage you to do so.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016

On Tuesday October 4th, 2016 the O'Fallon Police Department will be hosting a National Night Out event at the O'Fallon City Park. All parts of the Public Safety Department will be present. National Night Out is an annual event the O'Fallon Police Department coordinates. It is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live.

There will be many great things going on that night. We will have various pieces of police equipment on display. The Fire Department and O'Fallon Emergency Medical Services will have their equipment on display as well. Investigator Greg Vespa from the Illinois State Fire Marshal Office will have his arson detection dog perform a demonstration. Additionally Officer Gary Craig and his partner Pako from the Cahokia Police Department will perform a police K9 demonstration.

This event is considered a partnership with our Neighborhood Watch Program and Nextdoor Communities. We will have a booth set up for our neighborhood watch and Nextdoor groups. Current crime statistics about your neighborhood will be on hand for you to review. Each person that stops in will be entered into a contest to win Pizza for a year. There will also be other activities and prizes for kids going on as well.

We look forward to seeing you there!!



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**Neighborhood Watch
Mission:**

The O'Fallon Police Department's purpose for the Neighborhood Watch is to establish and maintain a partnership with residents in each neighborhood throughout the community.

To be successful, this partnership will be rooted in two-way communication, periodic meetings, and information sharing. The prevention of crime and furthering of community policing strategies are the ultimate goals of the program.

Please report any suspicious behavior!

What is a Neighborhood Watch?

It is a community of citizens living in close proximity organized with the common goal of taking an active role in making their community healthier and crime free through cooperation with the police and other city resources.

You are the EYES and EARS of the Police
Department
"See something, Say something"