

ZONE 6 COMMUNITY NEWS

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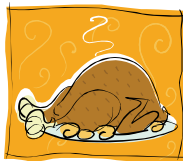
Zone Six Borders:
 Austin Blvd to Oak Park Ave

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

Robberies and thefts occur more often this time of the year due to the approaching holiday season. In order to reduce chances of becoming a possible victim, please take the following tips into consideration:

- Try not to carry a purse or large amounts of money on your person.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't leave packages

- or other valuables in your auto that are in plain view.
- Never leave your auto running unoccupied.
- Report any and all suspicious persons, vehicles and activity as soon as possible and be ready to give a description.



Warning Signs of Gang Involvement

- Sudden poor school grades and disinterest in school.
- Withdrawal from family activities.
- Sudden change in friends
- Developing a bad attitude towards family, school and authority.
- Having a new nickname.
- Use of gang graffiti on folders, desks, walls and buildings.
- Staying out later than usual.
- Use of unknown vocabulary.
- Wearing altered headwear.

Safety goes a Long Way



School is well into session

With buses and walking being the primary means of transportation for our school age children, please pay special attention to speed limit while driving in School Zones and School Bus Safety.



School zone speed limit
 School zone speed limit are set at 20MPH. These speed limit are in effect on school days when children are present.

You'll find the school speed limit posted in the immediate vicinity of schools and they are often enforced by police officers that are equipped with radar units.

The fine for violating this law is a mandatory \$150.00. A second violation will result in a suspension of your driving privileges.

School bus safety

In our haste to reach our own destinations, we often disregard school buses while they load and unload children by illegally passing the stopped school bus.



Illinois laws require that vehicles traveling in

either direction must stop before reaching a school bus that has its flashing lights on and /or stop arm extended. Vehicles must remain stopped until the visual signs have been deactivated.

Violation of this law is a mandatory three months suspension of your driver's license.



Community Meetings

Held October 2nd at Longfellow Elementary School from 7-8pm



Surfing Safely

Remind children of hidden dangers that lurk on the internet

As parents, we know what advice to give our children about physical dangers: look both ways before crossing the street; never get into a car with someone you don't know; say "no" to drugs. But with the popularity of the internet soaring and the age of its users dropping, a whole new set of dangers that are much less tangible threaten our children. That's why it's important to talk to your children about safety in cyberspace.

The Oak Park Police Department is giving this issue special attention as part of its I-Search personal safety curriculum, taught in the elementary and junior high schools by Community Police officers and Social Workers. Below are a few simple rules for children who are surfing the net:



- Go online with a friend, if possible.
- Never give out your personal information, such as your name, address, phone number, school, description or picture.
- Use chat rooms specific to your interest and age.
- Don't open e-mail from screen names you don't recognize.
- Don't "instant message" with screen names you don't know.
- Never meet in person someone you met online.
- Tell an adult if you are trouble by anything you see online.
- Use computers in supervised environments, such as home or the library.
- Remember, people you meet online aren't necessarily who they say they are.
- Parents should contact their internet provider for information on Parental Control and how to restrict access to certain sites.

How to Contact my RBO?

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