

ZONE 2 NEWS

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Greetings Zone 2 Residents! The summer months are finally here! With the weather being nicer in the summer, we often receive reports of people forgetting to lock up the garage. It is important to make sure that the overhead garage door is locked as well as the side service door. If you have a remote control overhead garage door, make sure and watch the garage door close before driving away or going into your house. Let's all do our part to stop crime.



The pursuit through Taylor Park

On June 17th West Suburban Central Dispatch Center was notified by Chicago Police Department that Chicago Police Officers had observed an offender driving a van which was taken in a car hijacking in Chicago earlier that day. The Chicago Police Department notified West Suburban Dispatch that the offender was driving at a high rate of speed, disobeying traffic control devices in an attempt to evade officers. The offender weaved through traffic on the main street and the alleys at which time he eventually came to the corner of Elmwood and Berkshire. The offender jumped the curb and was followed through the park by Chicago Police Department in case the offender fled the vehicle or crashed. Thankfully neither of these things occurred on that day in Oak Park. Residents in the park on that date were extremely shaken up by what occurred. It is not a regular occurrence that one would go to the park and be witness to a car chase. Although Oak Park officers were not involved, we were on scene to set up a perimeter in the event that the offender crashes the vehicle or flees the vehicle. Our role in this incident was to provide assistance and render any necessary aid. It was an extremely unfortunate event and no one can imagine what would possess someone to put so many lives at risk. Many people were affected by this unfortunate event because they have never had something of this nature occur while they were in the park. When

this nature occurs it is important to remember that if you hear sirens and see emergency lights, get a safe distance away from the activity. If you are a witness to a police chase, it is not necessary to capture the chase on your cellular phone if it is putting your life at risk. This particular offender was apprehended by the Chicago Police Department after crashing the vehicle he was driving at a location in Chicago. The offender was charged with multiple felonies.



Neighborhood Watch is making a comeback. The Oak Park Police Department is seeking individual blocks who are interested in having a neighborhood watch program. This program would entail taking walking patrols with family or neighbors, hosting neighborhood watch meetings and inviting police and guest speakers to attend. Anyone that is interested in organizing a Neighborhood Watch program on their block should contact their resident beat officers.



GARAGE BURGLARY PREVENTION MONTH IS HERE

Please remember the following tips:

- ☺ Make sure door frames and locks are in good condition.
- ☺ Lock the side service door to your garage
- ☺ Cover garage windows with blinds or even old sheets so that offenders can not see inside
- ☺ Wait to see the garage door actually close
- ☺ Document serial numbers of all valuables
- ☺ Make sure to have adequate lighting in and around the garage
- ☺ Do not wait to report suspicious persons or vehicles.

The next Zone 2 meeting will be held on August 4th, 2009 at 6311 North Avenue at 7:00 P.M. Please come and see the new substation!