

Resident Beat Officer:
Zone 7 & 8



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South Side Scoop

Business owners and residents,

It is that time of the year when the weather gets nice and the people start to come out of hibernation. From my "citizen" point of view, it is such a great time to get out and socialize with the neighbors. From my "police" outlook, it is a time for us to be aware of the safety risks. (Open windows, unlocked doors, bikes left out, to name a few) It is time to "summarize" our homes so that we can have a safe and crime-free summer. Keep in mind that I am available to meet with anyone regarding crime safety as well as walking around your homes and pointing out security issues. The best part about having the nice weather is having the neighbors out and about looking out for one another. It is so important to open those shades and keep your eyes open for each other. I will provide some summer safety tips that will help keep us safe and please feel free to call me regarding any community concerns.

Sincerely,
OFFICER JOHN
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PROTECTING YOUR HOME

- Provide good locks. Don't leave the door unlocked, even for a "quick" visit next door.
- Beware of strangers at your door. Insist on identification.
- Turn on a few lights when you go out. Use a timer when away for long periods of time. (Remember to contact me prior to vacationing so that I may provide extra patrol for your home.)

PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN

- Know where they are at all times. Agree on a definite time for them to return.
- Know your children's friends and keep in touch with their parents to share information. (I am also available to meet with your kids to discuss safety matters.)
- Please monitor their internet behavior.



The Police need your eyes and ears to get the job done!

When you observe something unusual or suspicious, dial 911.

- Supply the communications operator with the details and your perception of what is occurring, if it is in progress or how long ago it occurred.
- The more details that you provide the operator with, the better (Who, what, when, where, etc.)
- Have a detailed description of:
 1. Suspect(s), (Sex, age, race, height, weight, hair color, clothing and any other distinguishing features).
 2. Auto (Make, model, color, type, station wagon), license plate number or other distinguishing features.
- Let the operator know the last direction of travel or if the suspect(s) are still at the location.
- Dial 386-3800 for all complaints that do not need an immediate police response.

FURTHER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Keep garage outside lights on at night or have motion detectors.
- Close and lock all garage doors.
- Lock your vehicle, even if it's in the garage. (breaking glass makes noise)
- Don't leave valuables such as cell phones and laptop computers visible in your vehicle...Take them with you or leave them in the trunk.
- Do not record a name or telephone number on your answering machine message.
- If you are out of town, do not stop the newspaper or mail, have a neighbor pick them up.
- When out alone, ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't carry a purse with large amounts of money.
- WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL 9-1-1...Don't ever worry about inconveniencing an officer. IT'S OUR JOB!



Last But Not Least...

Remember to keep your property well maintained, after all, "Our homes reflect our community"...let's show the people of Oak Park that the place to live is South of the expressway!