

ZONE 2 NEWS

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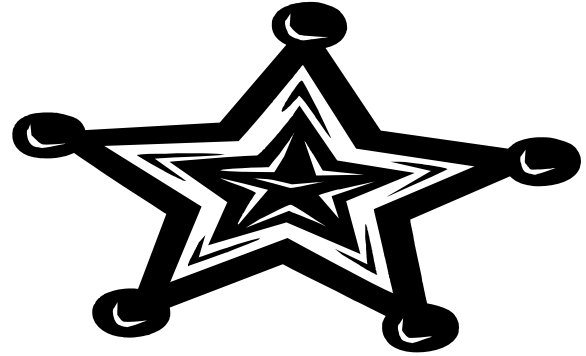
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Happy New Year to Zone 2 Residents! I hope that all of you are enjoying a safe winter! Please remember our monthly meeting at 6311 North Avenue at the North Avenue Substation at 7 P.M. every first Tuesday of the month. The meetings are a wonderful way to voice your concerns about Zone 2 specific problems. Please come to discuss any police issues, questions, or neighborhood matters.

Special Watch

Over the past several months property crimes have become more prevalent in Zone 2. These include any yard/outdoor items that can be easily lifted off when a garage is opened. Thieves are interested in these types of materials because they can be easily sold on the street. Due to the diligence of residents, the Oak Park police department has been able to successfully arrest several offenders. These offenders were arrested because of good descriptions from observers. The Oak Park police department has also had an increase in "suspicious persons" calls. These types of calls are beneficial because if a suspicious person is located they may have committed a crime or may be plotting to commit one. If you feel there is a suspicious person but are unsure if the person is a resident, please do not hesitate to call the non-emergency number (708)386-3800. You can make the call anonymously if you do not feel comfortable leaving your name.

All solicitors must obtain a permit through the Village of Oak Park. You should not provide any information to solicitors without speaking with the police. Some solicitors will ask about home security issues and whether an alarm is present on the premises. If a solicitor is asking these types of questions please call the police immediately. Watch out for elderly neighbors who may be vulnerable to telephone or solicitor scams. If you are concerned about an elderly neighbor please do not hesitate to contact your RBO. The Oak Park Police Department is grateful for the assistance!



The biggest concern of residents in Zone 2 is how to protect your home from residential burglary. Although this is not a rampant problem in Zone 2, burglaries make every person feel uneasy. When the police respond to a burglary and speak with victims it is clear that objects can be replaced but the violation of piece of mind can not.

Given the economic climate of last year, people have been prioritizing big expenses. I know many residents have put off purchasing alarms or windows that lock because it is simply not top priority. It is understandable that most people want to save money. If you do plan on purchasing an alarm for your home this year, research the companies and find out what system would work best for you and your family. It does not make sense to purchase an alarm if you will not use it. If you are trying to safe guard your house from burglars and save money, focus on replacing old doors and door frames. Some businesses will install a new door for free. All windows and doors should have functioning locks. Locks can be purchased at the hardware store or any major home repair store. Lock your doors and secure your windows when you leave your house! Cover your windows so that people can not see in your house or garage. Make sure your garage overhead door is functioning properly. Wait until your overhead garage door closes before leaving. Safe guarding your house can simply be a matter of changing some habits!
The next Zone 2 meeting will be held February 2nd, 2010 at 6311 North Avenue!!!!!!