

#### Ramsey County Sheriff's Office

**Neighborhood Watch** 

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#### **Neighborhood Newsletter - May 2025**

#### May

- 9<sup>th</sup> K9 Unit Fundraiser- Selling Plushies/Stuffies of our RCSO K9 from 10:00am -4:00pm at RCSO Patrol Station
- 15<sup>th</sup> Coffee with a Cop from 9:00am-10:30am at Vadnais Heights Target
- 16<sup>th</sup> Cops on a Rooftop- Special Olympics Fundraiser from 8:00am-11:00am Dunkin Donuts 143 Snelling Ave N. St. Paul
- 17<sup>th</sup> Arden Hills Touch a Truck from 10:00am-1:00pm at Perry Park, 3700 New Brighton Rd, Arden Hills
- 20<sup>th</sup> Johanna Shores Community Fair- For Seniors and Families From1:30pm-3:30pm at Johanna Shores- 3200 Lake Johanna Blvd

#### June

- 10<sup>th</sup> Kids Bike Rodeo from 9:30am-11:30am at Snail Lake Kindergarten Center (96 and Hodgson)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Little Canda Touch a Truck from 10:00am-12:00pm at Little Canada Elementary, 400 Eli Rd. Little Canada

23-27th or July 7-11th First Responder Camp

#### **May is Bike Safety Month**

In the state of Minnesota Office of Public Safety shows there has already been two bicyclist fatalities this year. To help prevent and deter from accidents occurring on a bike, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is bringing back a bike safety day for kids. Save the date and come join us June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:30am to 11:30am



at the Snail Lake Kindergarten Center, 350 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview, MN 5 5126. There will be bike tune ups, child helmet fitting, bike skills safety course, and bike safety education. Please bring your kids bike and helmet!

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#### **Pedestrian Safety**

Spring is here and the itch to get outside to enjoy the beautiful days are upon us. Sadly, this year we have already lost one community member in our contract cities who was out on a walk and 11 pedestrians total throughout the state of Minnesota. Please remember that pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility by both drivers and pedestrians.

When drivers maintain safe speeds, put down their phones, and practice other safe driving behaviors, safer walking environments are created for you, your loved ones, and others in your community. In turn, when pedestrians maintain awareness of their surroundings and practice safe behaviors it helps everyone.

#### **Know the Basics—Pedestrian Safety**

#### Safety Tips for **Drivers**

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones, around curves, and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

#### **Safety Tips for Pedestrians**

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Cross streets at **crosswalks or intersections**. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.
- Wear bright colored clothing, cloths with High-Visibility material, and carry flashlights.
- Embrace walking as a healthy form of transportation get up, get out and get moving.

#### **Trending Scams**

The Federal Trade Commissions lates reminder this week asks, have you gotten a robocall about a discount on phone, TV, or internet services? Scammers are pretending to be businesses and making robocalls about "discounted services" if you pay with a gift card. It's a scam. Here's how the scam works so you can avoid it. Read more at <u>Discounted Phone, TV, or internet services if you pay with a gift card? No, it's a scam</u>

#### **Car Seat Safety Checks**

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Regions Hospital in hosting a Child Passenger Safety Technician class. These certified professionals are specially trained to guide parents and caregivers in correctly installing car seats and booster seats, ensuring that children are properly secured. Newley Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians Deputy Alicia Ouellette and Senior Admin Assistant Amy Christiansen are now available Monday through Friday at the Ramsey County Patrol Station to support community members with their child

passenger safety needs.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a Car Seat check, please contact Ramsey County Crime Prevention at:

651-266-7339 or Crimeprevention@co.ramsey.mn.us

Through **SafeKids Worldwide** and **Buckle Up MN** you can find car seat checkup events, Child Passenger Safety Technicians, and additional resources for Child Passenger Safety.

https://buckleupmn.org/ https://cert.safekids.org/



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Camp

Looking for something for your older kid this summer and are interested in ALL THINGS relating to First Responders. The Learning Jet will be hosting two 1st Responder Camps June 23-27 or July 7-11, 2025. The camps are for students 15 – 20 who have an interest in a career as a first responder. During the week, the students will have the opportunity to meet and work with members of the St. Paul Police and Fire Departments, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and Water Patrol, Metropolitan Airports Commission Fire & Police Departments, the Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota Air Rescue Team (MART) and Life Link III. Space is limited and fills up fast. See attachment for flyer and registration or go to: https://www.thelearningjet.org/

#### **Mental Health Awareness Month This May**

World Health Organization defines Mental health as a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. "It exists on a complex continuum, which is experienced differently from one person to the next, with varying degrees of difficulty and distress and potentially very different social and clinical outcomes." So, if you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues now or any time, please consider taking a step to find some help.

Ramsey County's mobile crisis team provides stabilization services, de-escalation, crisis intervention, mental health assessments and initial crisis plans. **Walk-in crisis services are available** Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays & Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mental Health Urgent Care, 402 University Ave. E, St. Paul, MN



In a crisis or need services for Mental Health, get help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with Ramsey County Crisis lines.

Children's Mental Health Crisis Line: 651-266-7878

Adult Mental Health Crisis Line: 651-266-7900

#### **Ramsey County Data Request**

If you are looking to get a copy of Police Reports or Data Request, this is a helpful link to the Ramsey County Data Portal for the community to use: <a href="https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/open-government/data-practices-requests/data-practices-request-form">https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/open-government/data-practices-request-form</a>. Currently the LexisNexis Community Crime Map is not working so any further inquires will need to be directed to Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Data or Records unit.

#### Have you followed Our Facebook Page?

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Facebook page is a great resource for real time updates in Ramsey County and beyond. For many in the community that follow "Live on patrol" the Ramsey County Sheriff's Facebook page is taking an additional step to share smaller videos and information through "Live beyond patrol." Check it out and follow us.





#### Congratulation

The Ramsey County Sheriff Explorer Post #2 Explorers have worked very hard this last year building on the knowledge and experience in law enforcement skills. The Last weekend of April they went to the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Explorer competition in Rochester and took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5k race and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Hostage Negotiations. Congratulations to the team!

#### **K9 Unit Fundraiser**

Our Ramsey County Sheriff's K9s have brought back a new line of the cute and adorable Plushies or as many of the kids say, "Stuffies." all proceeds go directly to the K9 Foundation to assist with



training, equipment, and supplies for our K9 deputies and their amazing K9 partners. They will be selling them at the Ramsey County Patrol Station Lobby May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

#### **Neighborhood Watch is about Neighbors and Deputies working together**

Involved neighbors are more likely to have open communication lines with each other, deputies, and the whole community. When neighbors know each other's names, normal patterns, and look out for each other, it is likely that they will report any activity that doesn't fit with regular schedules. Involved neighbors look out for each other.





#### Thank you for working for safer neighborhoods!



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email address: <u>CrimePrevention@co.ramsey.mn.us</u> website: <u>www.RamseyCountySheriff.us</u> **Remember – when you See Something, Say Something, Call 9-1-1** 

## RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

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### BIKE SAFETY FOR KIDS



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BIKE TUNE-UPS

AND CHILD BIKE FIT

TEST

O2 KIDS BIKE SAFETY EDUCATION

O3 CHILD'S HELMET FIT

04 BIKE SKILLS
COURSE

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:30am-11:30am Snail Lake Kindergarten Center

350 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview, MN 55126



Complete the Pre-Registration and get entered into a gift raffle:





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\$25

CASH, CHECK, OR PAYPAL



**SCAN TO DONATE** 



APR 25<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1411 PAUL KIRKWOLD DR, ARDEN HILLS

More information:

RAMSEYSHERIFFSFOUNDATION.ORG

THE LEARNING JET PRESENTS

## FIRST RESPONDERS CAMP 2025

JUNE 23 - 27 OR JULY 7 - 11 | FREE FOR STUDENTS AGES 15 TO 20

Free for students ages 15 to 20 interested in a career as a First Responder.

Learn about **qualifications** needed, **benefits**, & participate in **hands on activities**.











#### COME **LEARN** & **WORK** ALONGSIDE FIRST RESPONDERS FROM

















Ramsey County Sheriff Water Patrol • St. Paul Police & Fire Airport Police & Fire • State Patrol & Air Rescue Team • Life Link III

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 16, 2025** 

For more information & to apply, contact learningjet.stp@gmail.com





BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and deputies for coffee and conversation.



Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Target/Starbucks** 975 Co Rd E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127



9:00am-10:30am

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between deputies and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the deputies in your neighborhood.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office



QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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