



## Ramsey County Sheriff's Office

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## Neighborhood Watch

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Neighbors and Deputies working together for safer communities



## Block Captain News – January 2018

**Next Meeting Tuesday, February 6 – 6:30 pm**

Ramsey County Public Works Building - Marsden Room  
1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills MN 55112  
Near intersection of Highway 96 and Hamline

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### Welcome Falcon Heights

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved an Agreement with the City of Falcon Heights for Law Enforcement Services on November 21, 2017. The City held two well attended Open Houses in November to welcome the Sheriff's Office to the community.

Deputies started providing 24/7/365 patrol coverage in Falcon Heights at midnight on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Sheriff's Office Public Safety Services Division provides law enforcement services via [contract](#) with seven communities – Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township. The City of Gem Lake, which had been part of the Contract Cities group for many years, opted to contract with the City of White Bear Lake Police Department beginning January 1, 2018.

### Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy scheduled for February

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Citizen Academy beginning in February 2018. This three-week-six-session course will take participants on a behind the scenes journey of the work and activities of the Sheriff's Office. The course will begin Tuesday, February 20 and continue through Thursday, March 8, 2018. Sessions will run each Tuesday and Thursday for three and a half hours per night, from 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM.

The course is designed to give citizens a better understanding of the duties, responsibilities, equipment, training and facilities of the Sheriff's Office. Topics include patrol procedures, K-9, criminal investigations, crime scene processing, narcotics, crime prevention and the communication center (911 system). The academy will also include the topics of court orders, civil process, criminal history, and warrants. In addition to classroom training, participants will receive tours of the patrol station, the adult detention center (jail), and other Sheriff's Office facilities.



[Download the application](#) (pdf fillable form). To request an application via email send your request to [CrimePrevention@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:CrimePrevention@co.ramsey.mn.us) To request via US Mail, or for additional information, call 651-266-7315.

Applications for the Citizen Academy must be received by Friday, February 9.



There is no fee, the only commitment is that participants are asked to attend all six sessions. At the conclusion of the academy, graduates will receive a certificate of completion. Participants will also be offered volunteer opportunities to continue their partnership with law enforcement.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and pass a criminal history background check. Academy size is limited and preference will be given to those available to attend all the sessions.

## Sheriff's Office to Host Scouting Day

Scouting Day 2018 will be held on **Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon** at the Ramsey County Public Works facility in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Scouting Day is a special event where Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts learn about the work performed by public safety agencies in Ramsey County. The annual event includes educational activities, equipment displays and demonstrations. Youth and families can interact with deputies, officers, and volunteers from Crime Prevention, DARE, K-9 Unit, S.W.A.T. Team, Water Patrol Dive Team, Mobile Field Force, Youth Explorer Post, Community Support Services, County Public Works, Emergency Management, Allina Ambulance, Lake Johanna Fire Department, Army National Guard and more.

*Please let those you know who are involved in Scouting about this event!*  
Youth attending this event must be involved in a Boy Scout or Girl Scout program. An adult must supervise youth at all times.

**Scout leaders are encouraged to sign up by Friday, February 9, 2018.**

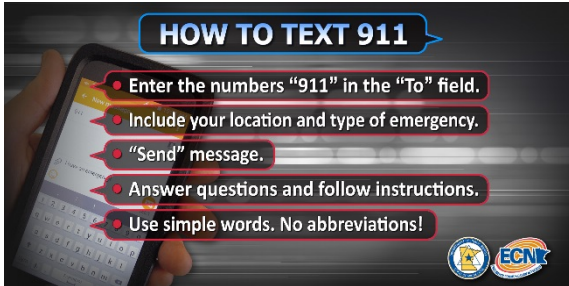
Register online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScoutDay2018>





## Text-to-911 now available statewide

In Ramsey County, and throughout Minnesota, Text-to-911 is an alternative option to calling 911 in an emergency. Texting should ONLY be used when individuals are unable to make a voice call. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing or speech impaired may use Text-to-911 as a first contact option.

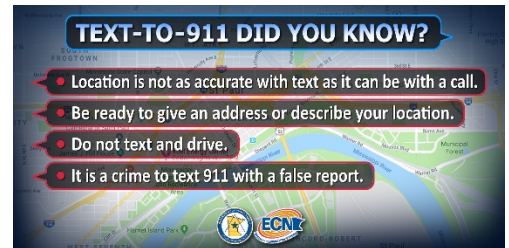


### When Should Text-to-911 be Used?

- The reporting party cannot speak while a crime is in progress.
- The reporting party must remain quiet to stay safe.
- If speaking may cause harm, such as in a home invasion, domestic violence, or human trafficking situation.
- If the reporting party encounters a suicidal or agitated person.

- If peer pressure is strong.
- If the reporting party is deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or has a speech impairment.

[More information from Minnesota Department of Public Safety](#)



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Scheduled

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program brings community members and emergency services personnel together for coordinated responses following a catastrophic disaster. During such disasters, communities may not have immediate access to emergency services because of the size of the area affected, lost communications, or unusable roads. CERT trained citizens can help their neighbors and neighborhood.



The Sheriff's Office and emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, and businesses in disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills. The next training session will begin on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 and continue each Wednesday through May 9, 2018. Class locations will alternate between Arden Hills, Vadnais Heights and Little Canada.

The nine-week training course outline includes:

Disaster Preparedness	CERT Organization	Fire Safety
Light, Search and Rescue	Disaster Psychology	Disaster Medical Operations (Part 1)
Disaster Medical Operations (2)	Terrorism	Final Exercise / Graduation

Upon graduation, CERT members are prepared to assist in their neighborhoods and workplaces following an event when emergency responders are not immediately available.

### Requirements

The CERT Program is available to all residents of the State of Minnesota who are 18 years and older. Residents must commit for the entire nine-week session. Classes are limited to 25 students. Equipment and materials will be provided at no charge, thanks to a generous donation by the Sheriff's Foundation.

**Links:** [Application](#) (pdf) or [Additional Information](#)

**Applications will be received through Friday, January 19.**

## Winter Driving & Motor Vehicle Thefts

Tis the season for snow, cold, bad roads, and thieves driving off in vehicles left running unattended with the keys in the ignition.

Here's a few quick winter driving safety reminders:

- Under Minnesota law, it is illegal to leave the car unattended and running with the keys in the ignition. But, if you have a remote starter installed, you can start your car without putting the keys in the ignition.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Clear all snow and ice from windshield and all windows before driving.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can.

Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

### Tips To Prevent Auto Theft:

1. Don't leave your unsupervised car running.
2. Don't leave valuables where easily visible.
3. Park in secure and well-lit areas.
4. Always leave windows up and doors locked.
5. Keep registration and insurance information with you and not in the car.



Resources for winter driving tips: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/winter/>; <https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips>; <http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/driving-advice/winter-driving-tips/#.WIY5s03ruUk>

### Mark your calendars for 2018 events:

**Tuesday, February 6** – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

**Topic: A day in the life of a Deputy Sheriff**

**Saturday, February 18** – 9:00 am-Noon – Scouting Day, Public Works campus, Arden Hills

**Tuesday, May 1** – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

**Wednesday, August 1** – 6:00 pm – Night to Unite Hosts / Captains Appreciation Dinner

**Tuesday, August 7** – Night to Unite events in neighborhoods throughout the community

**Tuesday, November 13** – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

**Thank you for working for safer neighborhoods!**



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**Remember – when you See Something, Say Something, Call 9-1-1**