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Neighbors and Deputies working together for safer communities

Block Captain News – May 2018

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 1 – 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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Night to Unite registration link is live! Get your neighborhood event registered online

Night to Unite is a statewide event that builds and fosters community bonds between citizens, businesses, and public safety organizations. This annual celebration occurs on the first Tuesday in August and gathers neighborhoods and public safety personnel together for an evening to promote safe communities.

2018 Night to Unite will take place on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

Night to Unite goals are to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention and community policing programs.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirits and public safety-community partnerships.
- Let criminals know that you are committed to keeping your neighborhood safe.

Night to Unite has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable opportunity to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in pursuit of safer communities. Community benefits often extend beyond this single evening event as neighbors get to know each other and the public safety agencies that serve them.

Register your event online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTU2018>

Event planning tools are available on the Ramsey County Sheriff's [website](#). Materials and items for distribution at block parties will be distributed to Event Hosts at the combined Block Captains meeting on Wednesday, August 1. More details and rsvp information will be sent when you register your event.

Walk & Bike to School Day – Wednesday, May 9

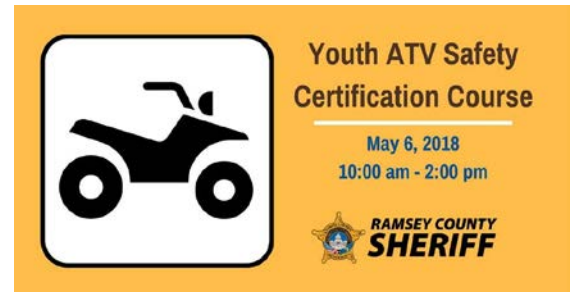
Many of our local schools will be participating in Walk & Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 9. While we must be aware of kids walking and biking every day, please know that on this day there will be many more kids on the streets making a healthy trek to their classrooms.



Youth Safety – ATV

The Sheriff's Office will be conducting the Hands-On ATV Safety Certification Course on Sunday, May 6, 2018. This is the one-day classroom and ride performance course for youth age 6 to 15 that is required for those that have completed the online course. [More information.](#)

ATV safety certificate training may be required by law. Visit the Department of Natural Resources website (www.dnr.state.mn.us/es/) for current ATV Safety Certificate Training Requirements.



Hot Cars and Loose Pets

No, it's not the name of the latest tell-all tabloid bestseller. We're talking about seriously risky situations that happen every day, but are entirely preventable.

Warm weather can literally be a killer for a dog left inside a car. On warm days the inside of a car heats up very quickly. When it's 85 degrees out, the temperature inside a car – even with the windows left slightly open – can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes, and reach 120 in just half an hour.

Even leaving your dog for "just a minute" may be too long. A dog's normal body temperature ranges from 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering brain damage – or even death.



Elapsed time	Temperature rise inside vehicle
10 minutes	19°F
20 minutes	29°F
30 minutes	34°F
60 minutes	43°F
1 to 2 hours	45-50°F



Then add the fact that most pets are not properly restrained while in the car, and you've got some dangerous situations – for people and pets alike. Unrestrained pets can be seriously or fatally injured, or could even hurt you, in a collision or sudden braking situation. In addition, they're a distraction for the driver, which increases the risk of driver errors. According to an American Automobile

Association survey, 2 out of 3 owners engage in distracting behaviors (playing with, feeding or petting their dog, or letting their dog sit in their lap) when pets are in the car...and according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately 20% of injury crashes involve distracted driving.

Please don't become another statistic: only take your pets in the vehicle with you when you absolutely need to, and always properly restrain your pets while in the vehicle.

Seat Belt Enforcement: extra patrol efforts scheduled for May 21 – June 3

One fact remains true in the world of traffic safety - seat belts save lives. The Click-It or Ticket Seat Belt Mobilization effort will be operational from May 21 through June 3, 2018, with at least fifty percent of the enforcement hours targeted in the window between 4 pm and 1 am.

Take the three seconds to fasten your belt – you win by avoiding a costly ticket and could save your life.



Bike Rodeo – Thursday, June 14

The Sheriff's Office will be conducting a **Bike Rodeo on Thursday, June 14, 2018**, at Island Lake County Park, 3611 North Victoria Street, Shoreview. The event will run from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, and is open to all Ramsey County residents.



This Bike Rodeo will have four components, including equipment check, safety instruction, rules of the road, and an obstacle skills course. It will take about 45-60 minutes to complete all the training, and sessions will start on the hour.

Bike rodeos are geared toward children, however adult riders are welcome to participate in the training too. Advance registration is appreciated, and can be done online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BikeRodeo2018>, or by calling 651-266-7332.



Telephone scams hitting Ramsey County again

Thieves continue to work their phone scams targeting elderly persons in Ramsey County.

The "Grandson in Jail Scam" is back with its pretend grandchild who is in trouble and needs money to get out of jail. This time they've added 'send cash hidden between magazines mailed in a large envelop' to the familiar 'pay by gift card' option. Remember: if you get a call from your grandchild in need of assistance, do everything you can to prove or disprove the story. Local law enforcement can help with this research.

April scams have included car warranty, student loan reduction, vacation win, arrest warrant, and utility shutoff, some of these have been by 'robocalls'. Telephone scams are easy to spot if you know about them. If anyone calls you and requests gift cards for any law enforcement related reason - it is a scam. Best defense if you are contacted is to simply hang up. If you do lose money to a scam call 9-1-1 to report the crime.

Please share this information with your family and neighbors, especially with our senior citizens who appear to be the favorite targets of phone scammers.

More information about current scams and frauds is available at ftc.gov.



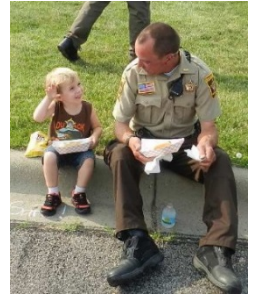
Spring and Summer prime time for garage thefts

The season for crimes of convenience seems to never end. Now is the time to remember to keep garage doors closed when working in the back yard, or when going on that healthy walk or bike around the block.

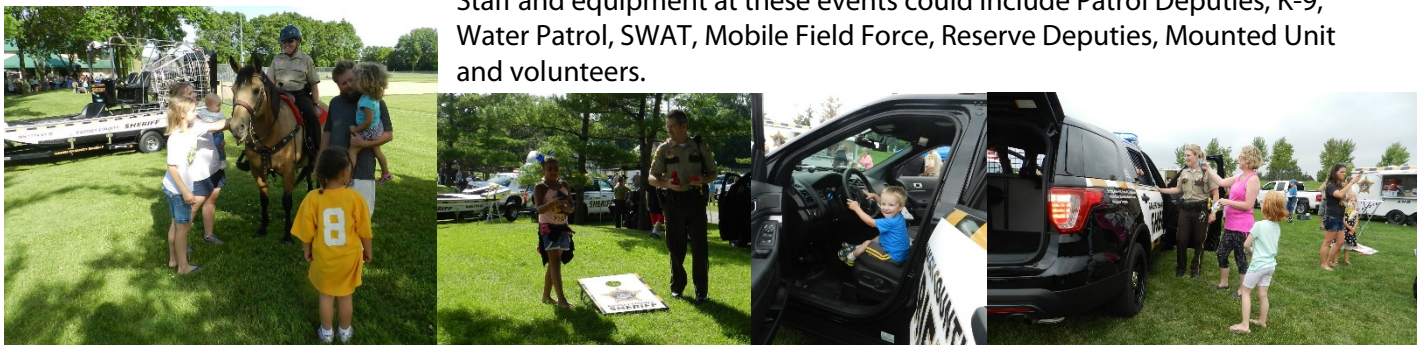
Hot Dog with a Deputy 2018

Hot Dog with a Deputy returns this summer to build community relations with the citizens we serve. On summer evenings, beginning in June, bring the family out to the park for free hot dogs, equipment demonstrations, and conversation with deputies. "Hot Dog with a Deputy" will take place from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the following nights:

- Tue, 6/5, Island Lake Park, 3691 Victoria St, Shoreview
- Tue, 6/12, Polar Lakes Park, 1280 Hammond Rd, White Bear Township
- Tue, 6/19, Berwood Park, 780 Berwood Ave, Vadnais Heights
- Tue, 6/26, Pioneer Park, 2950 Centerville Rd, Little Canada
- Wed, 7/11, Perry Park, 3700 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills - **NOTE new date & place*
- Tue, 7/17, West Rec Center, 14 West Pleasant Lake Rd, North Oaks
- Thurs, 7/19, Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave W, Falcon Heights
- Wed, 7/25, Commons Pavilion, 4580 Victoria St, Shoreview



Staff and equipment at these events could include Patrol Deputies, K-9, Water Patrol, SWAT, Mobile Field Force, Reserve Deputies, Mounted Unit and volunteers.



Mark your calendars for 2018 Block Captain events:

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