



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 – November 2018

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 13 – 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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Home Security products on November agenda

What is a 'charley bar'? Can a hopper window be secured? What are the options for video security? These and other questions about making our residences more secure will be addressed by Deputy Servatka at the November 13 Block Captains meeting at the Marsden Room in the Ramsey County Public Works building in Arden Hills. We will also review program plans for 2019. Please complete and return the [Block Captain registration form](#) to ensure the Sheriff's Office has your most current contact information.

Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy scheduled for January

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Citizen Academy in January 2019. 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, January 15 and continue through Thursday, January 31, 2019. 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), County Courthouse, and other Sheriff's Office facilities.

There is no fee, the only commitment is that participants are asked to attend all six sessions. After 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, pass a criminal history background check, and preference given to those available to attend all the sessions. Academy size is limited.

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

Applications must be received by Tuesday, December 11, 2018.



Coffee with a Cop – Thursday, November 13

Join local deputies to chat over a cup of coffee. There is no agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in the neighborhood.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Underground Music Cafe

1579 Hamline Avenue N

Falcon Heights, MN 55108

Safety reminders for the Holiday Season.

Nothing can ruin the holiday spirit faster than becoming a victim of crime. Unfortunately, the holiday season is a time of opportunity for thieves to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards and gifts. As we make plans to spend time with families and friends this season, please remember some important crime prevention steps for a safer season:

Prevent theft from your vehicle:

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Always lock your car, and park in a well-lit and well-traveled area.
- When running errands, shopping, or traveling, make an extra stop before arriving at your destination to lock valuables in your trunk.
- If you must leave personal property in your vehicle make sure it is out of view.
- Be aware in parking lots. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle, ready to unlock the door.

Financial card and online shopping considerations:

- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well-lit and in a safe location.
- Carry only the credit cards you need, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to verify your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.

Home security and safety tips:

- Don't display wrapped boxes under a lighted tree in the front window for thieves to see as they drive past your home.
- Don't pile up-empty gift boxes from your new computers, televisions, game systems and other electronics in front of your home on garbage day. Thieves will appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside your home for them to steal. Instead, break down boxes and conceal the advertising when setting them out for recycling.
- Do NOT post your activities (gifts or plans to be away from home) on social media pages.
- Turn on outside lights to deter burglars.

Holiday themed charity & other phone scams:

- Verify the charitable organization & use of funds.
- Government organizations don't use gift cards as a method of payment.
- When in doubt – check it out. Criminals isolate victims and push for quick response.

Report any suspicious activity to the police, call 911.

Stealing from vehicles is easy. Don't be a victim.

20 seconds is all it takes for a thief to grab your stuff and get away.

Recently, unlocked vehicles parked on the street, in driveways, and even inside of open garages have been entered, rummaged through, and have had items removed.

Most of this criminal activity has taken place during the late evening or overnight hours.

Items commonly stolen from autos include: audio systems, change, navigation devices, portable media players, mobile phones, laptop computers, and purses/wallets.

If your purse or wallet is stolen, you could become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

Prevention Tips:

- The "best tip" is not to leave valuables in your vehicle and to lock vehicle doors.
- Always lock your vehicle doors and close the windows.
- If possible, park your car in the garage - close and lock the garage door.
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your car when it is parked outside of the garage.
- When traveling or running errands, put valuables in the trunk before you reach your destination.
- If you leave personal property in your vehicle make certain it is out of view.
- Use your alarm if you have one.

When you see suspicious activities or persons

- call 911

The Sheriff's Office cannot function without the assistance of responsible citizens. We need your help in reporting crimes, emergencies, and suspicious activity. Timely reporting leads to timely response.

You are not bothering your Deputies when you call 911 - responding to your concerns and needs is why we are here.

Crime prevention starts with you



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Sheriff's Office Community Liaison Officers

In October, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office announced the roll-out of its Community Liaison Officer (CLO) program, a partnership that is designed to foster and strengthen mutually trusting relationships between law enforcement and the community.

The CLO program will rely on community-based partners, known as Community Liaison Officers, who live and work in Ramsey County's varied and diverse communities. These partners will serve as "bridges," helping to facilitate open and transparent communication, cooperation, and collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and the communities it serves.

A team of three CLOs has already signed on to partner with the Sheriff's Office; they are Samakab Hussein, Chia Lor, and Mai Lor. The CLO program will soon expand to a full complement of ten to twelve community-based partners.

In addition to serving as bridges, CLOs will continue the efforts of the already-established Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Community Circle to expand dialogue with our diverse communities surrounding racial and gender equity, mental health support, and pathways to employment.

Sheriff Jack Serier says, "Law enforcement is at its best when it recognizes that it is not operating in a vacuum and instead reaches outward to build trusting relationships with the people and communities it serves. Our Community Liaison Officers will give us new opportunities to connect on issues and build bridges."



Scouting Day 2019: scouts get hands-on look at this multiple public safety agencies event

Scouting Day 2019 will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at the Ramsey County Public Works facility in Arden Hills.

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, Youth Explorer Post, Community Support Services, County Public Works, Emergency Management, Allina Ambulance, Lake Johanna Fire Department, Army National Guard and more.

Scout leaders are encouraged to sign up by Friday, February 15, 2019.

What: Scouting Day 2019

When: Saturday, February 23, 2019, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Ramsey County Public Works
1425 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills
(just north of Highway 96 and Hamline Ave)

RSVP: By Friday, February 15, 2019

More information: 651-266-7332

Register online at: <https://www.surveymonkey/r/ScoutDay2019>



New Safety Assessment Committee

The Crime Prevention Unit has provided premise surveys to assist in reducing crime risk for residential and business properties in the contract communities for many years. In early October, responding to an increasing need for risk assessments in schools, government offices, businesses, and places of worship, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office launched its Safety Assessment Committee (SAC) along with a new Regional Services Division Sergeant position to serve as committee lead and point of contact.

The SAC was created in response to an increasing demand and need in our communities for comprehensive "after-action" in the wake of critical incident such as active shooters, threats to places of worship, and security breaches in private facilities.

In its primary role, the SAC will work collaboratively with Ramsey County's Emergency Management & Homeland Security Department, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety School Safety program, and venue stakeholders to reduce the opportunity for active intruder violence. This will involve assisting schools, government offices, corporations, and places of worship toward "hardening" themselves as targets.

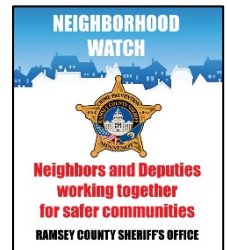
Other roles of the SAC will include providing community education on risk mitigation, outreach to communities that face heightened risk due to aggravating factors, and providing training to both public and private groups, and facilitating discussions to determine the best course of action after a threat has been neutralized.

Joe Paget, Undersheriff of the Regional Services Division says, "We are stronger when we communicate, coordinate, and plan together."

Neighborhood Watch is simply Neighbors and Deputies working together.

Involved neighbors are more likely to have open communication lines with each other, deputies, and the whole community. Information sharing on crime prevention, crime trends, and law enforcement issues is a key element to the Neighborhood Watch program of the Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood Watch program information and forms to help your block organization are [available on the county website](#). Please complete and return the [Block Captain registration form](#) to ensure the Sheriff's Office has your most current contact information. THANKS!



Mark your calendars for 2018-2019 Block Captain events:

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 6:30 pm – Captains Meeting, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 – 6:30 pm – Night to Unite Hosts / Captains Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – Night to Unite events in neighborhoods throughout the community

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 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