

The Waite Hill Police Beat

April 2013

Now that spring is here, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. Our Village has had an increase of bicyclists and joggers over the years. There have been a few incidents with bicycle crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways, contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

Unfortunately, we were unable to set up the program this year for the opportunity of residents to safely dispose their unwanted, unused prescription drugs. I will set this up for next year.

Officer Mike Sevel has resigned from our department to fulfill his aspirations of working with his father at the Willoughby Police Department. He certainly will be missed by all. Officer Erik Quintillo has been promoted to full-time and we are actively looking for a new part-time officer.

On May 27th at 9:00 a.m. there is going to be a Memorial Day Tribute to veterans at Village Hall. One of our Village residents, a career veteran, wanted to continue this event. Sgt. Mike Walsh is assisting with the planning of this event. He is contacting last year's speakers and is attempting to contact Village residents who served in the armed forces. You may contact Officer Walsh by e-mail mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov or by phone at 440-942-5015 if you served our country or have any other questions. This year we wanted to open the invitation to all residents as we honor our veterans. Please park your vehicles in the service drive or in rear area of the police department, so we can keep the front area open.

An area of concern that I have mentioned a few times is still haunting our community along with all other communities. This concern is the continued pattern of scams that are out there. Communities are battling multiple types of scams, such as telephone scams, credit card scams, website scams, mail and newspaper scams, as well as, people impersonating utility workers and coming to your residence unannounced. Craig's List and EBay are attempting to warn everyone about the scams by putting disclaimers on their sites. If you utilize either of these websites, use a pay pal account which assists you in protecting your money.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at 440-942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police