

The Waite Hill Police Beat



April – June 2015

Hello to all residents.

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.

We have hired a new part-time officer; Joshua East, who has started on March 16. Josh also works part-time with Kirtland Hills Police Department and he is a great fit for our department. He will be working with Officer Brian Beaumier over the next few months and meeting with our residents.

On May 25th at 9:00 a.m. there is going to be a Memorial Day Tribute to veterans at our Village Cemetery. 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.

We are continuing with document shredding from Shredding Network. They will be here at Town Hall on June 20th between the hours of 9:00 – 12:00 noon. The truck will be located in the front parking lot.

This past year we have seen an increase in residents receiving scam letters in the mail, via email, and by telephone. If you are the recipient of anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the police department for help verifying the legitimacy of any communications.

With the recent power outages and water main breaks we have had throughout the Village, we are looking into a system that each of you could be contacted via an electronic device with pertinent information. This system could be utilized with many different situations. Unfortunately, the utility companies are reluctant to give us too much information when it comes down to when power will be restored after an outage. An officer would be able to use an APP on the cruiser phone or computer system and send a text or an e-mail to each of you providing up-to-date information as we get it.

Furthermore, this system also could be used for any other type of communication, emergencies, or road closures. We have been researching this and I will continue to update you as we find the appropriate system for Waite Hill.

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.

The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security is always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police