

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

August – October 2014



Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, the deer are not too traffic “savvy” and think they own the roads. So please be extra careful when driving. While such deer-involved crashes can occur anytime, most mishaps happen between the hours of 5 and 10 p.m. and 5 and 8 a.m. because deer are “crepuscular” — meaning that they are most active at dawn and dusk. Defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting these animals. Be particularly cautious at dusk and dawn when deer are the most active.

## School Year 2014

The school year will be starting soon, which means school buses are out on the roads. Drivers need to be aware of children at bus stops. When you are heading out for work in the mornings, be aware of school bus activity and children crossing the roads.

Drivers should also maintain a safe distance when driving behind school buses and be aware that the yellow flashing lights mean the bus is coming to a stop, while the red flashing lights mean children are getting on and off that big yellow taxi.

## New Part-time Officer

We will be swearing in a new officer August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Council Meeting. His name is Curtis Rice who recently graduated from Kent State University Police Academy. Curtis is a Kirtland City native and he also graduated from Kirtland High School. He excelled academically and in athletics. He will start in our Field Training Program on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and I am sure that he will be a positive fit for our community.

We have had another change in the department; unfortunately Officer Swaidner has resigned from the department for personal reasons. We will be looking for another part-time officer to fulfill our needs with staffing.

**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