

The Waite Hill Police Beat

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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Hello to all residents.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, we want to remind all of you that internet criminals are undoubtedly preparing for the season as well. Please remember to be cautious when purchasing anything over the internet. Shop at established, respected, retailers and always be wary of anything that sounds too good to be true. Never give any personal information that is not needed to complete the transaction for example; your social security number. Visit the below sites if you would like more information about online shopping and general online safety. This past year we have seen an increase in residents receiving scam letters in the mail and via email. 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.

<http://staysafeonline.org>

<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications/Publications-for-Consumers/Consumer-Quick-Tips/Reduce-Your-Risk-of-Identity-Theft-Quick-Tip>

With the recent power outages and other issues 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 email 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 have found a system free of charge. I will continue to update you as we find the appropriate system for Waite Hill.

Once the snow starts flying, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. The Service Department does a great job keeping our roads open, but they need our assistance. If you have someone plowing your driveway, please remind them not to push snow across the road. When snow is plowed across the roads, driving and plowing hazards can be created when the Village endures a high volume of snow.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe. 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,
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