

The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Hello to all residents. I will be communicating a newsletter each month or bi-monthly so each of you are up to date with what is going on within the police department as well as with the community. I will include information about criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.

Our new part-time officer; Chuck Cox is finishing our field training program with Officer Beaumier and will soon be on his own. Chuck brings a lot of experience from the Mentor Police Department, which is certainly an asset. He has had a smooth transition into our community policing program.

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.

As a reminder, our surrounding communities are experiencing multiple thefts and break-ins, so please be diligent keeping your vehicle and home locked. The best deterrents are alarm systems and well-lit properties. Motion lights seem to help when you have them at the four corners of your home. A big reason for the increase of this type of criminal activity is related to drug use. Heroin is turning into an epidemic problem and people are becoming very desperate when finding ways to continue their addiction. These individuals are doing whatever it takes to feed the addiction.

Our deer hunting program is coming to a close soon (February 2nd). We had a decent harvest this year; however, the numbers of harvested deer are down from previous years. We will be looking at revising our program and possibly not having deer hunting in certain areas of the Village next year. We need to take a look at the Village as a whole and attempt to pin-point the most populated areas. We have had a very positive program since 1995 to maintain a proper balance of the deer herd. There have been very few problems with the hunting program. We have removed three (3) hunters from the program over the last eighteen (18) years for not following our rules. We want to maintain a healthy balance of the herd with the respect of our residents and their properties.

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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