

The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Hello to all residents, I will be communicating a newsletter each month 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.

I wanted to repeat the following concerns from previous letters. Our surrounding communities are experiencing home invasions as far as burglaries. With the soaring precious metal prices, the criminals are getting desperate and they are breaking into homes more than ever. For those who do not have an alarm system, now is the time to consider such a purchase. When you are gathering information on a system, keep in mind that you may want to get a wireless system. A hard wire system is monitored through your phone lines. I just saw an advertisement for ADT, who is offering a wireless system with \$99.00 for installation. You get the equipment for free when you sign up for the monitoring. They are also offering a \$100 pre-paid Visa card when you sign up. I am not endorsing ADT; however, this is a good deal and a reputable company.

We received a complaint from a resident who could have been a victim to a Craig's List item she was selling. She was able to determine that the check she received was fraudulent and contacted her bank and our department. Unfortunately, a lot of these cases are unsolved due to the complexity of the scams and the fact that the scammer is overseas using the web for his/her crimes.

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.

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

We are trying to be diligent with speeding vehicles on our roadways. Contact us with any areas of concern that you may have. We have been receiving complaints of motorists not moving over for pedestrians while they are walking or bicycling. Also, there are complaints of children riding bikes and skateboards in the middle of the roadway. With the increase of traffic on our roadways we have to be mindful to share the road; however, the children cannot be riding in the middle of the road and skateboards are not allowed on the roadway at all. Our officers are keeping an eye out for persons not following traffic laws pertaining to pedestrian traffic.

In conclusion, if you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to call or stop by and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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