

The Waite Hill Police Beat

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With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But before your family celebrates, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety. If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in kids and adults. The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home — period. Attend public fireworks display, and leave the lighting to the professionals.

Lighting fireworks at home is not legal in the State of Ohio.

A Few Reminders from Your Police Department:

- Residents are reminded to have their address clearly marked and visible for emergency responders. When time is critical, you do not want emergency services wasting time searching for the correct location.
- If you have an alarm system at your residence, please use it. Secure your doors, windows and vehicle(s). Do not leave keys or valuables in your vehicle. Remember, thieves are looking for opportunity.
- If you observe suspicious activity, notify the police immediately. It only takes a few minutes for the police to check a suspicious person or vehicle.
- With warmer weather here, be mindful of your speed and children playing. Also watch for pedestrians and cyclists in the area.
- Be cautious of telephone and internet scams. In these economic times, criminals are looking to access your money anyway possible. "If it sounds too good to be true, it is".
- Please contact the police department if you have any questions or concerns.
- Pets – Please be considerate of your neighbors. Waite Hill Village has ordinances which pertain to barking dogs and animals running at large. You are responsible to keep your pets under control at all times.
- Parents should be aware of the information your children are posting on the internet. This includes texting, photos, posting on "my space", "face-book", and other social networking sites. Once the send button is hit, it's out there in cyber space and there's no deleting or bringing it back. Also keep in mind, some information can be damaging, hurtful or embarrassing to your family or others.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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