

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Hello to all Residents,

Here we are already with summer quickly approaching and so many things going on. I have included some simple information since our children will be enjoying summer instead of being in school.

The Memorial Day Ceremony was a huge success and we have included some pictures on the website at the "News" section. Thank you to all whom participated this year and we look forward to next year. If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like to see for next year please contact us.

## 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 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.

## Need to Know Numbers;

During an emergency, it's easy to become disoriented and upset, so you need to have all important phone numbers readily available ahead of time. Write each phone number clearly so that it will be easy for kids to read. Because accidents can happen in any part of the home, make copies of the completed list and post one near every telephone in the house and on the refrigerator. Be sure to carry one with you when you are out of the house, and keep one in the car as well.

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Also, consider programming some of the emergency numbers in your cell phone. In addition, make sure that people who come to the house to watch your kids (babysitters or relatives, for example) familiarize themselves with the list. If a babysitter is taking the kids out, make sure he or she also carries the list of numbers.

If you choose to create your own phone list, make sure it includes these numbers:

- Poison control center: 1-800-222-1222. This toll-free number will put you in touch with the poison control center in your area.
- Hospital emergency room
- Fire Department; emergency: 9-1-1, non-emergency 440-942-7207
- Police Department; emergency: 9-1-1, non-emergency 440-942-1660
- Your child's doctor
- Parents' work
- Parents' cell phone.
- Neighbors and/or relatives
- Pharmacy

Your list should also include known allergies, medical conditions, medications taken by family members and insurance information for all members of the family.

If you are calling 9-1-1 from your cell phone, the dispatcher may not have precise enough information to pinpoint your location, so be prepared to give detailed information about where you are.

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,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police