

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

## May 2013

Now that spring is here, we have to remember to take care with pedestrian traffic. Our Village has had an increase of bicyclists and joggers over the years. There have been a few incidents with bicycle crashes and near misses of pedestrians versus vehicles. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways, contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

Officer Erik Quintillo has been promoted to full-time. We have hired a new part-time officer; Thomas Swaidner, who will be starting on May 17, 2013. He is full-time with Russell Police Department and he is a great fit for our department. He will be working with Officer Brian Beaumier over the next few months and meeting with our residents.

**On May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** there is going to be a Memorial Day Tribute to veterans at Village Hall. One of our Village residents, a career veteran, wanted to continue this event. Sgt. Mike Walsh is assisting with the planning of this event. He is contacting last year's speakers and is attempting to contact Village residents who served in the armed forces. You may contact Officer Walsh by e-mail [mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov](mailto:mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov) or by phone at 440-942-5015 if you served our country or have any other questions. This year we wanted to open the invitation to all residents as we honor our veterans. Please park your vehicles in the service drive or in rear area of the police department, so we can keep the front area open.

**We are continuing with document shredding from Shredding Network. They will be here at Town Hall on June 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

## Solicitors

Waite Hill residents should be aware that **solicitors** have been canvassing the Village attempting to sell services or products. In addition to the product and sales people not being honest and/or having a quality reputation, the Village has an ordinance that requires all solicitors to register with the police department. These individuals have **not** done that. Also, most of you have signed that you do **not** want to be solicited at your home. If you have not signed our paperwork, please contact us and we will bring the form to you.

Individuals have been arrested and charged in the past few weeks with trespassing and soliciting without permits in other communities. There are strong indications that people who order services or products from these solicitors never receive what they are paying for. There are many complaints in numerous communities about their sales practices. Also, it is evident that homes are being cased and later burglarized. Our advice is to not engage any solicitor in conversation, certainly **do not** open your door to them, and call the police immediately.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police