

The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Of course time is flying right by and the November issue is late. So, I thought a combination of November and December would suffice since it is the holiday season. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and may the rest of the holidays be merry and safe.

Unfortunately during the last storm, the Metcalf Road residents, along with a few Eagle Road residents, endured a long power outage. As a whole the Village was pretty lucky compared to other communities and other states. We work closely with the Illuminating Company; however, as you know they respond to the major outages and the most hazardous incidents first. We had to close other roads due to hazardous situations, but they were quickly opened. I wish we could do more to assist the residents on Metcalf Road, especially when it seems that they are the most often effected. Once our representative from the Illuminating Company gets back from New Jersey we are going to conduct an overview of the infrastructure on Metcalf Road and see if there are some solutions that could minimize the outages. I know that this is a huge inconvenience for the residents, but understand that the Police and Service Departments can only protect the hazardous area(s) to avoid anyone from getting hurt or injured due to downed wires or trees.

Once the snow starts flying, we need to remember to slow down and take extra time to get to our destinations. 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.

I am very proud of our officers and the extreme dedication they have as police officers in the Village. At times the officers have to make split decisions and with their training and departmental guidelines they act accordingly. Officer Sevel assisted the Willoughby Hills PD with the horrendous homicide that took place on Chagrin Drive. He and an officer from Willoughby Hills were quickly on scene and immediately took control of the situation, which could have been worse than it was. The female suspect was quickly taken into custody, but sadly the female victim was not able to be saved.

I strongly feel that Officer Sevel deserves special mention due to his quick action and his willingness to assist another officer and community to preserve life. Officer Sevel knew that the Willoughby Hills officer would be on scene by himself initially, while awaiting response from other Willoughby Hills officers handling other calls. With this type of call, every second counts.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe. 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,

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