

# The Waite Hill Police Beat

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Officer Mike Walsh has been promoted to Sergeant as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mike has been with the police department for almost ten years. He has worked very hard as a police officer and he has received his Associate's Degree. Mike will continue his training and start attending supervisory and leadership schools. As with all of our officers, they each have different roles within the department and are trained in those areas. We are fortunate to be able to further the training of our officers and continue to be cross trained in different aspects of law enforcement. We are very well trained for any situation that may arise in our community. A lot of the schools and training courses are offered at no cost to the Village; however, there are some pertinent courses that are at minimal costs to the Village and are very beneficial to the police department as well as the community.

Again, communities are still dealing with internet scams. This has become a serious epidemic for all communities no matter how big or small. People are preying on the elderly and young for the most part. Keep in mind that nothing is as "free" as portrayed. A lot of insurance companies are denying claims due to the websites attempting to warn the consumers with disclaimers. Also, as we read the local newspapers and watch the news there is a continuing trend of residential burglaries.

As fall and of course winter approaches, we need to remember that when the leaves start to fall and mix with rain and snow, the roads can become slick. As the snow starts fall we need to be conscientious as the plow trucks are clearing our roads. Also, the deer are becoming more active at this time of the year, so please watch out for them.

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.

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,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police