# Washington County Sheriff's Office

# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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Statistics for January		
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	22	
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	9	
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	9	
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	15	
DUI	13	
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	13	
DRUNKENNESS	2	
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	17	
INTIMIDATION	1	
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	35	
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5	
RUNAWAY	1	
SHOPLIFTING	13	
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	4	
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	82	
TOTAL OFFENSES	246	
TOTAL ARRESTS 156 ADULTS 11 JUVENILE		
TOTAL WARRANTS 1699 CIVIL 425 CRIMINAL		

### Sheriff's Message

This month's newsletter will be informing you on the C. C. Porter Animal Shelter.

The C. C. Porter Animal Shelter falls under the control of the Washington County Sheriff Office and the animal control officers are all sworn law enforcement officers. The deputies are responsible for enforcing county and state statutes, picking up stray dogs, responding to dog bite calls; they also assist with emergency calls in the community. The day to day operation of the shelter is overseen by the shelter supervisor and the shelter assistant. The county uses trustee's from the Southwest Regional Jail Authority to assist with the cleaning and feeding of the animals that are contained there. The shelter hours are as follows: Closed on Sunday, Monday, and designated county holidays, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00am -4:00pm, Thursday 1:00pm -4:00 pm, and the first and third Saturday's 10:00am - 3:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

Thank you Sheriff Fred Newman

	MONTHLY MEETINGS	
03-05	BURSON CORNER	7PM
03-27	Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
03-06	HIGH POINT High Point Elementary School	7PM
03-20	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
03-22	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM
03-15	ZION COMMUNITY Zion Church	7PM
05-10	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	7PM
	QUARTERLY MEETINGS	
03-01	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7:30 PM
03 -05	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7PM
03-06	Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
03-08	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
03-08	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING	7PM
03-12	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP	7PM
00 10	Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	, 1111
03-15	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
03-19	MELVIN HILLS/ OAK HILL ESTATES Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
03-20	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
03-26	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/ HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY	7PM
04-10	Cleveland Community Center WOODLAND HILLS	
	Woodland Hills Christian Church	7PM
04-12	GATE CITY HIGHWAY Three Springs Methodist	7PM

### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

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#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Stereo types die hard, but the image of the typical animal control officer has changed remarkably. Long lampooned by cartoons as net-carrying villains, animal control officers are now considered on the frontline of protecting a community's pets. Having compassion and appreciation for animals is a general requirement for success as an animal control officer. Patience is considered a valuable asset for this position to effectively deal with pets and frequently sensitive and emotional pet owners. An animal control officer protects and rescues domesticated animals. If animal abuse is reported, an animal control officer is normally dispatched to the location of the alleged crime to inspect the scene. They typically investigate the physical condition of the animals and interviews the pet owners. The animals are removed from the location if the officer finds evidence of neglect, inhumane treatment, malnutrition or disease. Pet owners in these circumstances are normally prosecuted, fined, or sometimes jailed. Animals that become separated from their owners are frequently rescued by animal control officers who generally take them to his agency to shelter them while attempts are made to reunite them with their owners. Unclaimed pets are normally put up for adoption if they are not claimed in a prescribed length of time (5 days without a collar and 7 days with). To promote the nurturing and protection of animals within the community, an animal control officer frequently speaks to groups of children at schools about the care and feeding of pets also they learn about animal care, maintenance and educate them on the benefits of spaying and neutering of pets. The Washington County Sheriff's Office took over the animal shelter in our county in 2004. The shelter consists of three animal control officers and a shelter supervisor, also they have person who takes photos of the animals and puts them on the website for people to see what is for adoption. The three animal control officers respond to animal calls and complaints. They also conduct investigations about animal cruelty or abuse. They handle the enforcement of animal control laws. The Shelter supervisor oversees the operation of the shelter, and animal adoptions. The shelter also has trustees who are a tremendous asset. They work at the shelter 7 days a week to feed the animals, clean the pens, and exercise the dogs' .Last year the shelter took in over 2,000 animals. Between adoptions and transfers to rescue groups 845animals found new homes. Come visit us and see what dogs and cats we have for adoption. The adoption fees for cats are 15 dollars and 25 dollars for dogs, there is a 50 dollar fee that is refundable when you get the animal spayed or neutered.

Dog Tag enforcement is now being randomly conducted in the communities so don't forget to purchase license from the Treasures Office

Here are some laws from the County Code that anyone with dogs or cats need to know. (Section 10-31) Rabies inoculation of dogs and cats availability of certificate. Owner or custodian of all dogs and cats age four (4) months are required to have such animal currently vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian who then shall provide a rabies vaccination certificate. (Section 10-32) The running at large of dogs in the county is prohibited. For the purpose of this section a dog shall be deemed at large while roaming ,running or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control. Any person who permits their dog to run at large, or remain unconfined ,unrestricted, or not penned up shall be deemed to have violated this section.(Section10-51) All dogs age four (4) months are required to have a dog license. A vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian must be presented. Code requires dog licenses to be purchased by February 1, each year. Dog licenses are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred. Female license is \$7.00. Male license is \$6.00. Unsexed license is \$4.00. Three vear male license is \$16.00. Three year female license is \$19.00. Three year unsexed \$10.00. Three year rabies certificates must have at least 25 months remaining. (Section10-3) Care of Companion Animals by owner. Each owner shall provide for each of his or her companion animals adequate feed, adequate water, adequate shelter that is properly cleaned, adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species and weight, adequate exercise, adequate care, treatment, transportation, and veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission. Violation of this section is a class 4 misdemeanor.

## **Chaplains Corner**

Former Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs hated going to Yankee Stadium. Not because of the Yankees, but because of a fan. The guy had a seat close to the field, and when the Red Sox were in town he would torment Boggs by shouting cuss words and insults. One day Boggs decided he'd had enough. He walked directly over to the man and said, "Hey fella, are you the guy who's always yelling at me?" The man said, "Yeah, it's me. What are you gonna do about it?" Wade took a new baseball out of his pocket, autographed it, tossed it back to the man, and went back to the field to continue his pre-game routine. The man never yelled at Boggs again; in fact, he became one of his biggest fans at Yankee Stadium.

Romans 12:17-18 says "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Anyone can get in someone's face. People do it every day—But, it takes self-control to not react in anger but rather in kindness. The next time someone "gets in your face" remember Wade Boggs' choice and the Apostle Paul's words.

Erik Hinchey WCSO Chaplain