## Washington County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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"Take the time to prevent a crime"

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Statistics for May	
Aggravated Assault	2
Assault (Simple)	20
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11
Credit Card Fraud	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	13
Driving Under the Influence	5
Drug/Narcotic Violations	20
Drunkenness	4
Impersonation	7
Intimidation	2
Larceny ( all other )	42
Liquor Law Violations	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Shoplifting	18
Trespass	4
Weapon Law Violations	4
All Other Offenses	90
Total Offenses	249

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 132	Criminal- 360
Juvenile- 14	Civil- 1,677

## SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Every day someone gets a letter in the mail, a phone call, or an online notification saying you have won a million dollars, and all you have to do is send some money first and then you can collect your winnings. I am sure each of you has received a scam like this. The worst part is there are thousands of people who fall for this each year.

The need to get rich quick causes people to fall for these scams. I have always heard the saying "if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is". Don't let the thought of getting free money cause you to be a victim. If you think it is a scam do not reply to their contact. Don't become a victim.

If you have a question or concern, please contact our office.

Sheriff Fred Newman

	Monthly Meeting Schedule	
7-01	BURSON CORNER (1st Monday) Cancelled*	7:00 PM
	Goodson Kinderhook FD	
7-02	HIGH POINT (1st Tuesday) Cancelled*	7:00 PM
	High Point Elementary School	
7-04	MENDOTA (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	Mendota Community Center	
7-11	TAYLORS VALLEY (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	Taylor's Valley Community Center	
7-16	HIGHLANDER PARK (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
7-18	ZION COMMUNITY (3 <sup>RD</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	Zion Church	
7-23	HAYTERS GAP (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	10:30 AM
	Hayters Gap Community Center	
7-23	POOR VALLEY (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	Valley View Assembly of God Church	
7-25	KONNAROCK (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	Konnarock Community Center	
	Quarterly Meeting Schedule	
9-02	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7:00 PM
	Goodson Kinderhook FD	
9-03	EAGLE RIDGE	7:00 PM
	High Point Elementary School	
9-09	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING	7:00 PM
	Glade Spring Community Center	
9-10	HAYTERS GAP EVENING	7:00 PM
	Clinch Mtn. Fire Department	
9-12	QUAIL RIDGE /WORTHINGTON WAY	7:00 PM
	Ely Residence	
9-16	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	Pleasant View Methodist	
9-17	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
9-19	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	Zion Church	
9-23	OAKWOOD DRIVE	7:00 PM
	McDaniel Residence	
10-8	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
	Woodland Hills Christian Church	
10-10	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
	Three Springs Methodist Church	

## Cons & Scams

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## **Scams Target You-Protect Yourself**

Have you ever received an offer that sounds too good to be true? Fraud in our country is a multi-billion dollar industry and a multi-trillion dollar industry worldwide. It's not that the offer is too good to be true; it's that the offer is too good to pass up. No one is immune to fraud and here in our county we are seeing more and more scams occur. Our agency, would like to take the time to help you prevent victimization of scams that could be going on in your community.

In our society today, technology plays a role in everyday life. With that technology comes many ways to communicate, or in this case defraud. With the internet at our fingertips scams are increasingly growing by the day. There are people who work hard trying to manipulate you into giving them money. Here are just a few ways one may try to coax you into their scam: Secret shopper jobs, lottery scams, forwarding and receiving money through Western Union, Green Dot Card, money orders, and checks; processing payments, collections, donations, and investments. Let's face it, these scam artist have every way in the world to reach us whether it be by phone, internet, e-mail, advertisements, and even showing up on our door steps. Have you ever received a phone call from a grandchild or child saying they needed you to bail them out of jail and all you needed to do was send a money gram or western union? This could be a scam. How about this one? "You've just won \$1000,000 all you need to do is drive over to Wal-Mart and put two hundred dollars on a Green Dot card and give us the account number and we will send you the \$1000,000 you won".

The object of some scammers, is that they are not out to get you to send them money, but to obtain your information such as your name, date of birth, and social security number.

Here are some tips to help you prevent being victimized.

\$ Never give your personal information out over the phone or internet. Everything you type in your computer is stored on your hard drive and has the potential of being accessed by a scammer.

- \$ Shred documents that have financial information on them or your personal information.
- \$ Store car titles, taxes, and other important papers in a safety deposit box.
- \$ Check to see if charities are registered with the state attorney general's office before giving them money.
- \$ Get education on computer safety, hacking, & email phishing.
- \$ Never respond to a sweepstakes or lottery by sending a check or providing your bank account information.
- \$ Carefully review accounts for unauthorized charges.

If you think you may have fell victim to being scammed, please contact the Sheriff's Office.



Abraham Lincoln said:

"You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

Things have a way of "coming back around". The Apostle Paul said, "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of man by Jesus Christ according to my gospel" (Romans 2:16). The Greek word used here for secrets is, "that which is hidden, concealed, covered up."

The adulterer may hide his sin until judgment day. The thief may cover up his crimes and not get caught in this life. Wicked hearts, evil thoughts may remain unexposed before men. Hypocrisy may be hidden for years under a pretense of piety but we can be assured that the things we do "in the dark" will eventually be brought to the light. Honesty requires much less of "a good memory".

Seeking Him <>< Erik Hinchey WCSO Chaplain