

# 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 December

ARSON	2
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	17
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	8
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	5
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	12
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	10
DRUNKENNESS	4
DUI	6
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	2
INTIMIDATION	2
KIDNAPPING	1
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	52
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4
RUNAWAY	2
SHOPLIFTING	14
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	5
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	79
TOTAL OFFENSES	225
TOTAL ARRESTS	110 ADULTS 3 JUVENILE
TOTAL WARRANTS	1611 CIVIL 378 CRIMINAL

### Sheriff's Message

In this month's newsletter we would like to make you aware of the American Red Cross and the services they offer. The American Red Cross offers aid to approximately 70,000 victims of natural disasters each year. They also offer a variety of services including, services that help the needy, support and comfort for military members and their families, the collection and distributions of lifesaving blood and blood products (they are the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the U.S.), international relief, and educational programs that promote health and safety; such as first aid, swimming lesson, and CPR. The American Red Cross uses mostly volunteers, but also has some paid employees to run their organization. If you would be interested in donating blood, volunteering or giving a monetary gift to them you can contact them at their website:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office

Sheriff Fred Newman

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

02-06	BURSON CORNER	7PM
	Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	
02-07	HIGH POINT	7PM
	High Point Elementary School	
02-09	WORTHINGTON WAY	7PM
	Sheriff's Office	
02-28	HAYTERS GAP	10:30AM
	Hayter's Gap Community Center	
03-20	HIGHLANDER PARK	7PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
02-23	KONNAROCK	7PM
	Konnarock Community Center	
02-16	ZION COMMUNITY	7PM
	Zion Church	

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

03-01	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7PM
03 -05	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7PM
	Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	
03-06	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
03-08	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
03-12	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING	7PM
03-13	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP	7PM
	Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	
03-15	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S	7PM
	VALLEY/ Zion Church	
03-19	MELVIN HILLS /OAK HILL ESTATES/ WYNDALE COMMUNITY	7PM
	Pleasant View Methodist Church	
03-20	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7PM
	Noonkester Field Park	
03-26	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/ HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY	7PM
	Cleveland Community Center	
04-10	WOODLAND HILLS	7PM
	Woodland Hills Christian Church	
04-12	GATE CITY HIGHWAY	7PM
	Three Springs Methodist	

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The American Red Cross is perhaps the most iconic of our nonprofit organizations. Its symbol, the Red Cross, is emblematic worldwide of help and relief in time of war and during catastrophes. The American Red Cross is a humanitarian non-government organization, committed to provide emergency assistance and disaster relief, in the United States. Also known as the American National Red Cross, it is affiliated to International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The American Red Cross came into existence on May 21, 1881, as a result of sincere efforts put in by Clara Barton, an American humanitarian, who went on to become the first president of this organization. While on vacation in Europe, Barton came across International Red Cross which was actively providing relief for the Franco-Prussian war casualties. Impressed by the concept, she decided to start an organization based on similar lines in the United States. When she started working on this project in America, she had to face some difficulties to convince people that this organization would also be useful during crisis other than a war. Finally, she succeeded and the American Red Cross was formed, during President Chester A. Arthur's regime, with its headquarters in Washington DC. It came into action to provide relief to the affected during the Great Fire of 1881 in Michigan and Johnstown floods in Pennsylvania in 1889. The American Red Cross has been involved in community services helping the needy, supporting military personnel and their families, providing life-saving blood and blood products, initiating educational programs promoting health and safety and international relief and development programs. All the activities associated with American Red Cross are carried out by the volunteers, and financially supported by the community donations. Around a million Red Cross volunteers and 30,000 employees of the organization are mobilized across the nation to provide necessary relief in disaster scenario. It also trains people in basic medical skills and disaster management. Since its formation in 1881, the American Red Cross has been involved in many relief works, not just in America but around the World. The organization responds to estimated 70,000 disaster calls annually, ranging from house fires to hurricanes. It is committed to provide health aid along with basic amenities, such as food and shelter to the people in disaster-hit areas and help the people to resume their daily activities. The United States military is also provided with emergency and non-emergency services. Other than medical aid, it helps the personnel establish emergency family communications. Being the largest supplier of blood in the United States, it accounts to 44% of blood donation in the country. Its 'Tissue Services Program', which ended in 2005, provided allograft tissue to more than a million transplant recipients, who needed this life-saving tissue. On March 1, 1999, it implemented the Nucleic Acid Testing study, and became the first US organization to implement it. It also initiated cellular therapy, a treatment method that involves collecting and treating blood cells

American Red Cross facilitates training in first aid, water safety, home safety and disaster preparedness to approximately 12 million civilians annually. Some Red Cross chapters also indulge in sale of first aid kits and other disaster relief equipment. The organization also has a first aid reference guide to spread awareness about safety procedures, and instruct in dealing with disaster situations and medical emergencies. The Red Cross also teams up with The United Way. Here is an example of how the Red Cross has helped in our community. The Mountain Empire Chapter of the Red Cross helped those affected by the tornado that struck our area on April 27, 2011. There were over 150 Red Cross trained volunteers and staff who provided the following services:-Served meals and snacks to the residents of Chilhowie, Glade Spring and Damascus. Distributed shovels, rakes totes, clean up kits and provided comfort kits, ect. They Opened cases for families (for financial assistance)-made Health Services contacts and Mental Health contacts. The Chapter also worked with the Long Term Recovery Group to help ensure long term needs were being addressed. They have also provided numerous victims in our area with shelter, food, and clothing after they were victims of house fires.

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**Chaplain's Corner**

A good friend and I were discussing an issue recently and it reminded me of a lesson that I taught years ago entitled "The Blame Game". It seems that human nature and the desire for self-image preservation causes us to want to blame someone else for our difficulties or afflictions. While this seems to be the norm in society, it is and has proven to be detrimental in most cases. All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you. The only thing blame does is to keep the focus off you when you are looking for external reasons to explain your unhappiness or frustration. You may succeed in making another feel guilty of something by blaming him, but you won't succeed in changing whatever it is about you that is making you unhappy.

Wayne W. Dyer, "Your Erroneous Zones". Life is about choices and consequences. Make careful decisions that will avoid negative consequences in the days to come.

"But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment." James 5:7

Seeking Still,  
 Erik Hinchey  
 WCSO Chaplain