

# 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 November

Aggravated Assault	2
Assault (Simple)	11
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11
Credit Card Fraud	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	11
Driving Under the Influence	7
Drug/Narcotic Violations	19
Drunkenness	5
Impersonation	2
Intimidation	0
Larceny ( all other )	40
Liquor Law Violations	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Shoplifting	18
Weapon Law Violations	0
Wire Fraud	0
All Other Offenses	64
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>201</b>

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 98	Criminal- 279
Juvenile- 6	Civil- 1,536

### SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Another year has come and gone and hopefully it was a great year for each of you, and I hope the coming year is a successful year. This year we are starting our Neighborhood Watch with fire safety for the home. This time of year has us doing extra to keep ourselves warm. Many people supplement their electric heat with gas, or wood/coal burning stoves. These are great sources of heat, but they lead to unique problems of their own. Every home should have a smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector, and a fire extinguisher, but if you use an alternate heat source these are extremely important. When you use an alternate heat source; be especially careful about placement of furniture, blankets, rugs, and any other item that is quick to catch fire make sure there is plenty of space around your stove. If you have a question or concern, please contact our office.

*Sheriff Fred Newman*

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

01-01	HIGH POINT (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday)* <i>Cancelled</i>	7:00 PM
	<i>Highpoint Elementary School</i>	
01-03	MENDOTA (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Mendota Community Center</i>	
01-07	BURSON CORNER (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
01-08	TAYLORS VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Taylor's Valley Community Center</i>	
01-15	HIGHLANDER PARK (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) * <i>Cancelled</i>	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
01-17	ZION COMMUNITY (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	
01-22	HAYTERS GAP (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	10:30 AM
	<i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	
01-22	POOR VALLEY (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	
01-24	KONNAROCK (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	
01-28	OAKWOOD DRIVE	7:00 PM

### Quarterly Meeting Schedule

01-08	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	
01-10	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
	<i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	
03-04	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
03-04	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING	7:00 PM
03-05	EAGLE RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>High Point Elementary School</i>	
03-12	HAYTERS GAP EVENING	7:00 PM
	<i>Clinch Mountain Fire Department</i>	
03-14	WORTHINGTON WAY	5:00 PM
	<i>Worthington Way Road</i>	
03-14	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>Ely Residence</i>	
03-18	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	<i>Pleasant View Methodist Church</i>	
03-19	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field</i>	
03-21	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	

### Monthly Topic

**Fire Prevention for your home**

In recent studies, house fires have been on the rise. American homes suffer an unwanted fire approximately every 10 seconds. Fires and burns cause around 4,000 deaths and 20,000 injuries a year. With that being said, every 60 seconds they suffer a fire serious enough to call the fire department. Most importantly, in 2011 the state of Virginia suffered from 20,220 fires with 359 civilian fire injuries, and 43 civilian fire deaths. Property loss and damage was totaled in at \$226,726,762.

During the winter months, our homes are more susceptible to fires than any other time of the year. As fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters, candles, and electric blankets are used you will be surprised to learn how easy it is to reduce the risk of a fire in your home. In order to help keep your family and property safe from a potential fire, we are providing you with some safety information that will help you decide what you must do to protect your family from fire.

### Smoke alarms save lives

- ❖ **Install** smoke alarms outside every bedroom as well as in the bedroom. The reason for this is while a closed bedroom door may provide protection from smoke on the other side; it will also prevent smoke from reaching a smoke alarm inside the bedroom. Everyone must keep in mind that the cause of deaths due to house fires is more likely due to inhaling the toxic gases and carbon monoxide that a fire gives off and not the actual fire itself. The smoke and toxins will reach you and your smoke detectors more rapidly than the fire. Smoke alarms should be placed on every floor in a multi-story home.
- ❖ **Test** smoke alarms at least once a month to ensure they are working properly.
- ❖ **Replace** batteries- This should be done at least once a year, some people like to do this with the time change in the fall.
- ❖ **Use** alarms that are equipped with flashing lights and high pitched alarms for children and adults who may have hearing impairments.

- ❖ **Check** electrical cords. Replace any cords that are frayed, worn, or damaged. Have any outlets replaced that you think may be damaged or not working properly.
- ❖ **Clean and inspect** fireplaces and chimneys once a year. Keep your kitchen stove clean and clear from debris that may catch fire. Do not lay oven mitts or anything flammable on a stove top.
- ❖ **Escape Planning**-Plan an escape that should be practiced every six months. Make sure everyone knows at least two exits out of every room, and that windows and doors are easily accessible. **NEVER** stay inside of a structure that may be in danger of fire. Make sure everyone gets out safely! If you fear your home may be in danger please exit the residence taking a phone with you so that you may call 911. If you are on vacation or visiting friends and relatives the most important question to ask first is the address just in case of a fire. Things to be knowledgeable of when calling 911 are: Address, How many people are in the structure? Did everyone get out safely? Are there any pets? Are there any combustibles inside such as solids, liquids, or gases? Are there any vehicles parked or housed next to the structure? Knowing this information is pertinent for the responding fire and rescue agencies.

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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

#### **Who Am I On an Ordinary Day?**

A couple of Sunday's ago we discussed Rebekah, a teenager in Genesis 24:17. On this particular occasion, she took the opportunity to be a servant on an ordinary day. A request was made to the Lord by a messenger, and to this young girl. She in her servant's attitude; was an answer to the messengers prayer. Have you ever found yourself as an answer to someone's prayer? Rebekah made the decision to be the hands and feet of the Lord, to be used by God through obedience to her call to serve the needs of others. The messenger asked for a drink of water, she obliged and volunteered to "go the extra measure" and water his camels too; all ten of them. This was not an easy task as the average camel can drink up to 40 gallons of water. The messenger asked for God to show him the person he was supposed to meet, and Rebekah, on this ordinary day, through a servant's heart, was the answer to his prayer, and found her place in history and in the lineage of Christ. On your ordinary day, are you an answer to a prayer, or a hindrance to the work of the Lord? May our ordinary days find us as servants willing to be a blessing to others.

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