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		
Aggravated Assault	2	
Assault (Simple)	21	
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	12	
Credit Card Fraud	2	
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	8	
Driving Under the Influence	7	
Drug/Narcotic Violations	10	
Drunkenness	1	
Impersonation	0	
Intimidation	1	
Larceny (all other)	43	
Liquor Law Violations	2	
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	
Shoplifting	7	
Trespass	3	
Weapon Law Violations	1	
All Other Offenses	75	
Total Offenses	200	

Total Arrest	Total Warrants	
Adult- 99	Criminal- 337	
Juvenile- 11	Civil- 1,382	

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

One of the most serious problems law enforcement face today is enforcing the laws concerning driving under the Influence of drugs or alcohol.

We often read in the paper or hear on the news of incidents involving someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol and driving a vehicle. According to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) in 2010 there were 1.41 million drivers arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the United States. On average one in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime.

My reminder to you will be, please don't Drink and Drive, the life you save may be your own or someone you love.

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

Sheriff Fred Newman

	Monthly Meeting Schedule		
02-04	BURSON CORNER (1 st Monday)	7:00 PM	
	Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department		
02-05	HIGH POINT (1 st Tuesday)	7:00 PM	
	Highpoint Elementary School		
02-07	MENDOTA (1 st Thursday)	7:00 PM	
	Mendota Community Center		
02-12	TAYLORS VALLEY*Cancelled	7:00 PM	
	Taylors Valley Community Center		
02-19	HIGHLANDER PARK (3rd Tuesday) *Cano		
	Noonkester Field Park		
02-21	ZION COMMUNITY (3 RD Thursday)	7:00 PM	
	Konnarock Community Center		
02-25	OAKWOOD DRIVE *Cancelled	7:00 PM	
02-26	HAYTERS GAP (4th Tuesday)	10:30 AM	
	Hayters Gap Community Center		
02-26	POOR VALLEY (4 th Tuesday)	7:00 PM	
	Valley View Assembly of God Church		
02-28	KONNAROCK (4 th Thursday)	7:00 PM	
	Konnarock Community Center		
	Quarterly Meeting Schedule		
04-09	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM	
	Woodland Hills Christian Church		
04-11	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM	
	Three Springs Methodist Church		
03-04	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7:00 PM	
	Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department		
03-11	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING	7:00 PM	
03-05	EAGLE RIDGE	7:00 PM	
	High Point Elementary School		
03-12	HAYTERS GAP EVENING	7:00 PM	
	Clinch Mountain Fire Department		
03-14	WORTHINGTON WAY	5:00 PM	
	Worthington Way Road		
03-14	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM	
	Ely Residence		
03-18	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM	
	Pleasant View Methodist Church		
03-19	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM	
	Noonkestner Field		
03-21	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM	
	Zion Church		

****All respective meetings will be held on their scheduled dates and times at the Washington County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Building 20281 Rustic Lane for the month of March.**** Volume 13, Issue 02 February, 2013

DUI Awareness

Imagine driving home on what seems to be a normal day but turns deadly quick. You see someone driving erratically. What should you do? Think about what your reactions will be in this situation. On average one in three people will be involved in an alcohol related car crash in their life time. Almost every 90 seconds, a person is injured in a DUI crash. This month's newsletter I would like to share with you some tips that can help keep you and your family safe. The following are some possible signs of drunk driving, as well as some tips on what to do and what not to do.

Common signs of a drunk driver include but not limited to the following:

- Straddling the center lane or lane marker.
- > Taking extremely wide turns.
- Weaving from one side of the road to another.
- > Driving on the wrong side of the road or shoulder.
- > Driving at a very low rate of speed.
- Following another car too closely.
- > Braking erratically.
- > Driving without headlights.
- Signaling inconsistently with what they are doing.
- Stopping at inappropriate places such as green lights or crosswalks with no pedestrians.

If you suspect that a driver is drunk you should

- **&** Be prepared to stop
- Keep your distance from the suspected vehicle or pull over and let the vehicle pass you.
- If the car is headed directly towards you pull to the right, honk your horn, and flash your lights.

As quickly as possible notify Law Enforcement by dialing 911 if you suspect a impaired driver. Information you will need to obtain to give to the dispatcher includes but not limited to:

- Identify the road name or route number
- Obtain description of vehicle such as make, model, and color, as well as tag number.
- Direction of travel.
- Stay on the line with the dispatcher to provide information such as direction of travel just in case the vehicle turns or takes an exit off the Interstate. It is not safe to follow a suspect vehicle, leave this to law enforcement.
- Stay far behind the suspected drunk driver.
- Stay out of the way and expect the unexpected.
- Do not try to pass the vehicle.
- Wear your seat belt, and make sure everyone else in your vehicle is wearing their seat belt as well-it is one of your best defenses against a drunk driver.
- Do not attempt to make the vehicle stop; this puts you in immediate danger.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A recent television documentary pointed out that the cheetah survives on the African plains by running down its prey. The big cat can sprint seventy miles per hour. But the cheetah cannot sustain that pace for long. Within its long, sleek body is a disproportionately small heart, which causes the cheetah to tire quickly. Unless the cheetah catches its prey in the first flurry, it must abandon the chase. Sometimes Christians seem to have the cheetah's approach to life. We speed into projects with great energy. But lacking the heart for sustained effort, we fizzle before we finish. We vow to start faster and run harder, when what we need may be not more speed but more staying power--stamina that comes only from a bigger heart. Motion and busyness, no matter how great, yield nothing unless we allow God to give us the heart. -Grant Lovejoy.

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry." From the book "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck.

As we embark on the dreams and goals of the coming year, and consider the resolutions that we might have made, consider the words of the Apostle Paul"

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

In HIS Grip <>< Erik Hinchey WCSO Chaplain