

# 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	4
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	27
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	15
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	7
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	22
DUI	7
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	14
DRUNKENNESS	25
FALSE PRETENSE	5
INTIMIDATION	14
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	76
ROBBERY	1
RUNAWAY	1
SHOPLIFTING	7
WEAPON VIOLATIONS	4
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	103
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>171 ADULTS 19 JUVENILE</b>
<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	<b>1531 CIVIL 425 CRIMINAL</b>

### SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

This month's newsletter will be covering the topic of ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) rider safety.

In our county there are very few people who have never ridden an ATV. They are used frequently on farms and other jobs to either haul items or as a way to just get around. But mostly they are used for recreation. They are extremely fun to ride, and if you use common sense you can be accident free.

There are a few basic tips that you can take that will help you remain safe. One thing that everyone should do when you buy your ATV is take a rider safety course. This will train you as to how to operate your ATV in a safe manner. You should never ride double. You should never ride on pavement. Don't let children ride adult sized ATV's. Never ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET.

I hope this topic has been helpful. If you have any question or concerns, please contact our department. Thanks and have a great summer. Sheriff Fred Newman.

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

07-06	HIGH POINT/ High Point E. S.	7PM
07-05	BURSONS CORNER Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
07-20	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
07-15	ZION COMMUNITY/Zion Church	7PM
07-19	MELVIN HILLS Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
07-27	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
07-29	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM

### Quarterly Meeting Schedule

09-07	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
09-02	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7PM
09-06	CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
09-14	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
09-09	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
09-09	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	7PM
09-13	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING 110 Town Square, Glade Spring	7PM
09-21	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
09-16	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
09-20	WYNDALE COMMUNITY Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
09-27	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/ HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY Cleveland Community Center	7PM

**Reminder:** If schools are closed due to weather, contact your coordinator for last minute changes on your meeting.

**Meeting Topic**  
**ATV Safety**

ATVs were first introduced in the early 1970s and almost immediately realized alarming injury rates for children and adolescents. According to medical literature, ATVs are as dangerous as Motorcycles, based on mortality and injury scores. More children and women are injured on ATVs, who also present a lower rate of helmet usage. In the United States, statistics released by CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) show that in 2005, there were an estimated 136,700 injuries associated with ATVs treated in US hospital emergency rooms. In 2004, the latest year for which estimates are available, 767 people died in ATV-associated incidents. According to statistics released by CPSC, the risk of injury in 2005 was 171.5 injuries per 10,000 four-wheel ATVs in use. The risk of death in 2004 was 1.1 deaths per 10,000 four-wheelers in use. Focus has shifted to machine size balanced with the usage of ATVs categorized by age ranges and engine displacements—in line with the consent decrees. ATVs are mandated to bear a label from the manufacturer stating that the use of machines greater than 90 cc by riders under the age of 12 is prohibited. This is a 'manufacturer/CPSC recommendation' and not necessarily state law.

In 1988, the All-terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) was formed to provide training and education for ATV riders. The cost of attending the training is minimal and is free for purchasers of new machines that fall within the correct age/size guidelines. Successful completion of a safety training class is, in many states, a minimum requirement for minor-age children to be granted permission to ride on state land. Some states have had to implement their own safety training programs, as the ASI program cannot include those riders with ATVs outside of the age/size guidelines, which may still fall within the states laws.

Many common injuries can be prevented with the use of proper protective equipment. Most ATV manufacturers recommend at least a suitable DOT approved helmet, protective eyewear, gloves, and suitable riding boots for all riding conditions. Sport or aggressive riders, or riders on challenging terrain (such as rock crawling or hill climbing) may opt for a motocross style chest protector and knee/shin guards for further protection.

ATV riding can be a risky sport. Before you ride, learn how to properly use all the mechanical controls and safety devices of your vehicle. Read your owner's manual. Most importantly, take a safety course before riding.

## Safety Tips

Wear a helmet and eye protection at all times and other protective clothing suitable to the environment. Do not carry passengers on your ATV. Do not let young or inexperienced riders operate ATVs without training and supervision. Do not use alcohol or other drugs when you ride. Learn proper riding skills from an instructor or qualified rider and practice such skills before riding. Always maintain a safe distance between riders. Tailgating can lead to collisions and injuries. Ride with others and let someone know where you are riding. Never ride alone. Obey the laws. Stay on trails designated for ATVs. Be informed of local weather conditions and dress and equip yourself appropriately. Know the area you are riding in. Be aware of its potential hazards. Always ride at a safe and responsible speed. Know your abilities and don't exceed those levels. Make sure your equipment is in top working order; check before heading out. Carry a map of the trail or area you intend to travel. Use common sense.

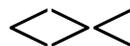
## Chaplain's Corner

I was talking with one of our deputies the other day and he reminded me that our perspective reflects our perception of others and often directly affects our interaction with them. The deputy offered this perspective, "It is not that the folks we deal with are bad people, they have just made some bad choices." We all have had times where we have made some choices that may have turned out to produce less than desirable results.

A young couple rented a vacation cottage for a week. One afternoon the husband looked out a window at the swimming pool and exclaimed, "Let's change our clothes and go get some exercise!" His wife, who was washing the dishes in the kitchen and looking out the window watching some people play tennis, quickly agreed. While she dressed for a tennis match, he put on his swimming trunks.

The window a person chooses to look out at the world often determines that individual's perception of reality. Make sure your windows are clean and that you are looking out the right one, this will often times correct our perspective.

## Seeking Still



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