

# 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 September

Aggravated Assault	3
Assault (Simple)	10
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	10
Credit Card Fraud	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	29
Driving Under the Influence	3
Drug/Narcotic Violations	9
Drunkenness	5
Impersonation	3
Arson	1
Larceny ( all other )	42
Liquor Law Violations	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Shoplifting	15
Trespass	6
All Other Offenses	103
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>244</b>

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 111	Criminal- 415
Juvenile- 9	Civil- 1,888

### SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

After the Christmas season is a good time for your home to be broken into and thefts to occur. The offender thinks of all the nice presents you received and they want to help themselves. Don't make it easy for them!

Nothing screams break into my house like empty computer, X-Box, and TV boxes piled in front of your home waiting on trash pickup, you might want to make a trip to the landfill instead of waiting on the regular schedule trash collection.

Be sure to record all serial numbers on your new gifts, it helps to identify your items, if a theft occurs and property is recovered. Just remember you should always take precautions to keep your home safe no matter what time of year.

If you have a question or concern, please contact our office  
*Sheriff Fred Newman*

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

01-02	MENDOTA (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday) <i>Mendota Community Center</i>	7:00 PM
01-06	BURSON CORNER (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday) <i>Goodson Kinderhook FD</i>	6:00 PM
01-07	HIGH POINT (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday) <i>High Point Elementary School</i>	7:00 PM
01-09	TAYLORS VALLEY (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday) <i>Taylor's Valley Community Center*Cancelled</i>	7:00 PM
01-14	HOLSTON GREENDALE (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) <i>Greendale Elementary</i>	7:00 PM
01-16	ZION COMMUNITY (3 <sup>RD</sup> Thursday) <i>Zion Church</i>	7:00 PM
01-21	HIGHLANDER PARK/Exit 10 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) <i>Noonkester Field Park *Cancelled until March 2014</i>	7:00 PM
01-23	KONNAROCK (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)* <i>Cancelled</i> <i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	7:00 PM
01-28	HAYTERS GAP (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday) <i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	10:30 AM
01-28	POOR VALLEY/HAYTERS GAP EVENING (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday) <i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	7:00 PM

### Quarterly Meeting Schedule

01-09	GATE CITY HWY <i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	7:00 PM
01-14	WOODLAND HILLS <i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	7:00 PM
03-03	CLAYMAN VALLEY <i>Goodson Kinderhook FD</i>	7:00 PM
03-04	EAGLE RIDGE <i>High Point Elementary School</i>	7:00 PM
03-10	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING <i>Glade Spring Senior Center</i>	7:00 PM
03-13	QUAIL RIDGE /WORTHINGTON WAY <i>Ely Residence</i>	7:00 PM
03-17	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES <i>Pleasant View Methodist * Cancelled</i>	7:00 PM
03-18	LOWRY HILLS <i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	7:00 PM
03-20	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY <i>Zion Church</i>	7:00 PM
03-24	OAKWOOD DRIVE <i>McDaniel Residence.</i>	7:00 PM

### Post-Holiday Burglary Prevention

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As we start to wrap up the Holiday Season and begin a new year, be mindful that there are still thieves and criminals just waiting for the opportunity to strike. With receiving gifts also comes a lot of empty boxes and wrapping paper, keep in mind that you do not want to advertise what kind of gifts you may have received. It may be a good idea to discard such boxes and wrappings in dark colored garbage bags. Burglars have a tendency to watch garbage cans around the Holiday Season so that they may get an idea of what kind of items you have in your house hold. Below we have listed a few easy steps that will help you to make it more difficult for burglars to know what may be in your home.

- **Don't Showboat-** Do not leave anything lying around outside that could lure thieves onto your property. After receiving gifts or making purchases such as expensive electronics, do not throw empty packaging outside, or in recycling bins. That tells people you have something brand spanking new that could fetch decent dollars on the street. It may also leave them wondering what other goodies are inside your home.
- **Batten down the hatches.** As you remove your holiday decorations, it may be a good idea to invest in good deadbolt locks for your exterior doors, and make sure your windows have locks as well. You should take extra precaution to secure them since they can be an inviting entry for burglars. Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- **Report any suspicious person(s)** that you see in your neighborhood. With your help, prevention and vigilance is the key to help local law enforcement ensure your safety. Please do not hesitate to call the Sheriff's Office that is what we are here for.
- **Let there be light.** Create the illusion that you are home by leaving lights, TV's, radios on when you're away. Install motion-detection lights outside, and keep a few key interior lights on timers so it always looks like someone is home – and possibly awake.

- **Document** the make, model, and serial numbers for any all electronics, guns, computers, and anything of expense. Without this documentation it makes it difficult for local law enforcement to enter stolen items in a national database which is critical for item recovery as well as aiding in item identification and potential prosecution.

**Happy New Year from our hearts to yours!**



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

An ounce of prevention.....

A heavy rain had been falling as a man drove down a lonely road. As he rounded a curve, he saw an old farmer surveying the ruins of his barn. The driver stopped his car and asked what had happened.

"Roof fell in," said the farmer. "Leaked so long it finally just rotted through."

"Why in the world didn't you fix it before it got that bad?" asked the stranger.

"Well, sir," replied the farmer, "it just seemed I never did get around to it. When the weather was good, there weren't no need for it, and when it rained, it was too wet to work on!" *Our Daily Bread.*

"Do not fret because of evildoers,  
Be not envious toward wrongdoers.  
For they will wither quickly like the grass  
And fade like the green herb.  
Trust in the LORD and do good;  
Dwell in the land and <sup>la</sup>cultivate faithfulness." Psalm 37:1-3

In HIS Grip<><

Erik Hinchey

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