

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 July

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	24
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	19
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	27
DUI	7
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	8
DRUNKENNESS	14
FALSE PRETENSE	2
IMPERSONATION	2
INTIMIDATION	1
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	35
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1
ROBBERY	1
RUNAWAY	2
SHOPLIFTING	9
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	6
WEAPON VIOLATIONS	3
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	88
TOTAL OFFENSES	251
TOTAL ARRESTS	158 ADULTS 2 JUVENILE
TOTAL WARRANTS	1925 CIVIL 369 CRIMINAL

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

In this months Neighborhood Watch newsletter, we are discussing gangs and the activities they are involved in.

Gangs are everywhere, not just the big cities. We do not hear much about them in our area, but they are becoming more active. Gang activity often involves drugs, intimidation, vandalism and escalating violence.

Most of what we see in this area is teenagers, wearing colors, using gang talk, hand signals, and gang tattoos.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office participates with other law enforcement agencies in this area, to keep informed on gang activities, known gang members, patterns, and potential for problems involving gangs.

If you have knowledge of gang related activities, or if you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

Sheriff Fred Newman

Monthly Meeting Schedule

09-01	HIGH POINT/ High Point E. S.	7PM
09-07	BURSONS CORNER Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
09-15	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
09-17	ZION COMMUNITY/Zion Church	7PM
09-21	MELVIN HILLS Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
09-22	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
09-24	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

09-01	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
09-03	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7PM
09-07	CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
09-08	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
09-10	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
09-12	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	5PM
09-14	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING 110 Town Square, Glade Spring	7PM
09-15	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
09-17	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
09-21	WYNDALE COMMUNITY Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
09-28	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
Gangs

What is the relation between drugs and gangs?

Street gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMGs), and prison gangs are the primary distributors of illegal drugs on the streets of the United States. Gangs also smuggle drugs into the United States, produce, and transport drugs within the country.

Street gang members convert powdered cocaine into crack cocaine and produce most of the PCP available in the United States. Gangs, primarily OMGs, also produce marijuana and methamphetamine. In addition, gangs increasingly are involved in smuggling large quantities of cocaine and marijuana and lesser quantities of heroin, methamphetamine, and MDMA (also known as ecstasy) into the United States from foreign sources of supply.

Gangs primarily transport and distribute powdered cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, MDMA, and PCP in the United States.

Located throughout the country, street gangs vary in size, composition, and structure. Large, nationally affiliated street gangs pose the greatest threat because they smuggle, produce, transport, and distribute large quantities of illicit drugs throughout the country and are extremely violent. Local street gangs in rural, suburban, and urban areas pose a low but growing threat. Local street gangs transport and distribute drugs within very specific areas.

These gangs often imitate the larger, more powerful national gangs in order to gain respect from rivals.

What is the extent of gang operation and crime in the United States?

There are at least 21,500 gangs and more than 731,000 active gang members in the United States. Gangs conduct criminal activity in all 50 states and U.S. territories. Although most gang activity is concentrated in major urban areas, gangs also are proliferating in rural and suburban areas of the country as gang members flee increasing law enforcement pressure in urban areas or seek more lucrative drug markets. This proliferation in non-urban areas increasingly is accompanied by violence and is threatening society in general.

What are some signs that young people may be involved in gang activity?

Changes in behavior such as skipping school, hanging out with different friends or, in certain places, spray-painting graffiti and using hand signals with friends can indicate gang affiliation.

In addition, individuals who belong to gangs often dress alike by wearing clothing of the same color, wearing bandannas, or even rolling up their pant legs in a certain way.

Some gang members wear certain designer labels to show their gang affiliation. Gang members often have tattoos. Also, because gang violence frequently is glorified in rap music, young people involved in gangs often try to imitate the dress and actions of rap artists.

Chaplains Corner

When Pompeii was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius Aug. 24th in the year 79 AD. there were many persons buried in the ruins who were afterwards found in very different positions. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for security. There were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate where he had been placed by the captain, with his hands still grasping the weapon. There, while the earth shook beneath him, while the floods of ashes and cinders overwhelmed him, he had stood at his post, and after a thousand years, he was found. Let us stand ready in the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, walking in holiness and standing eternally in Honor, that when He comes for us, we may be at our posts, dutiful, with a legacy that may grow a thousand years.

I talked with a young man recently about eternity, he responded that I know the end of life is coming for us all, but I want to know that I will be ready when it gets here. Now he is, and the legacy he will leave behind to his family and especially his little girl is one of faithful, steady, service in reverence for the Lord.

"And Joshua said unto all the people [of Israel], . . . choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:2, 15)

Erik Hinchey <><

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