

# 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 January

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	13
BAD CHECKS	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	16
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	4
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	8
DUI	3
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	13
DRUNKENNESS	8
FALSE PRETENSE	2
INTIMIDATION	1
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	40
RUNAWAY	1
SHOPLIFTING	18
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	4
WEAPON VIOLATIONS	3
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	83
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>126 ADULTS 14 JUVENILE</b>
<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	<b>1497 CIVIL 312 CRIMINAL</b>

### SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

In this month's Neighborhood Watch newsletter, I am requesting help from the citizens of Washington County. In the past several months our county has had an increased number of 9-1-1- street signs stolen. These signs are very important to our county. When a street sign is taken it increases the amount of time it takes for an emergency responder (police, fire, and rescue) to arrive to an emergency situation. Not only does it affect those agencies but also citizens who are looking for a road and there are no signs to assist.

To replace each sign that is stolen it cost the county somewhere in the amount of \$29.00 - \$65.00, depending on the size of the sign.

I am asking assistance from each of you, if you see a sign being stolen or a sign that someone has at their residence, which belongs to Washington County, please contact our agency.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact our department. *Sheriff Fred Newman*

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

03-01	BURSONS CORNER CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
03-02	HIGH POINT/ High Point E. S. EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
03-04	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	
03-08	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING 110 Town Square, Glade Spring	7PM
03-09	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
03-11	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
03-15	MELVIN HILLS/ OAK HILL ESTATES /WYNDALE COMMUNITY Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
03-16	HIGHLANDER PARK EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
03-18	ZION COMMUNITY/Zion Church RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S	7PM
03-22	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND Cleveland Community Center	7PM
03-23	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
03-25	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM
04-08	WORTHINGTON WAY Public Safety Building Rustic Lane	7PM

**Reminder:** If schools are closed due to weather, meeting will be canceled.

**Meeting Topic**  
**Alarm Systems**

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Residential alarm systems are provided for three basic purposes: protection from intrusion and burglars, detection of fires and other dangers such as gas leakage or carbon monoxide, and medical or other emergency calls. A comprehensive residential alarm system can cover all three purposes, or a home owner can install each as a separate system.

Any residential alarm system consists of two parts: the components of the system installed in the home, and a 24/7 remote monitoring system that will respond when an alarm goes off. The monitoring service is sold by companies with a monthly fee, and usually includes maintenance and periodic tests of the system. Trained monitors contact the homeowner by phone or other predetermined means to verify the intrusion, fire, or type of emergency and upon verification will notify the appropriate emergency resource.

Alarm systems can be wired or wireless. A wired system is generally installed while a new house is being built. The wiring is put in as an integral part of the construction and the separate components are installed after the building is completed. When this is done, a comprehensive alarm system, which can include sensors at entryways and windows, fire and smoke detectors, and panic or emergency buttons, can be easily put in place.

There are numerous wireless systems with varying components, and the prices have come down in recent years. Many of these residential alarm systems come in do-it-yourself kits. Wireless systems may not be as reliable as wired ones, although improvements have come with advanced technology. Generally, a wireless system consists of a control panel, an alarm bell box, wireless sensor devices for doors and windows, and smoke sensors. The advantage of a wireless system is its portability; if the homeowner moves, he can remove the system and take it with him.

Burglar alarm systems include a master control panel, and detectors and sensors that sound an alarm if there is movement outside or inside a home, when a door or window is broken or removed to gain entry, or if there is an intruder in any particular part of the house, such as near a safe. It can also include a panic button, operated manually to contact the remote monitor, if the resident suspects an intrusion. Some systems will include a closed-circuit TV for viewing any part of the house or property remotely. All systems provide a means for the homeowner to activate or deactivate the alarm system.

There are two kinds of fire alarm systems: smoke detectors and heat detectors. In addition, there are two types of each. Smoke detectors use either ionization or a photoelectric technology. The former will detect fast-flaming fires and the latter will respond to smoldering fires. Newer systems combine the two for more thorough fire detection. The two types of heat detectors are fixed temperature, which will activate the alarm when a certain temperature is reached, and the rate-of-rise detector which will respond to rapid increases in temperature.

An emergency call system can be activated by pressing a panic button, or a neck pendent which will place a call to a preset phone number. Generally three numbers are set to be called automatically in case the first number does not get a response. This system also provides for two way conversation, and a wireless set will provide the location of the person making the call.

Besides the basic systems and components covered above, there are many special features of residential alarm systems that different security companies offer. Choose your security company carefully, and you will be provided with home protection that brings peace of mind.

## Chaplains Corner

This past Sunday our class discussed the “fine-tuning” of the Lord. In preparing for this lesson Zechariah 13:9 was brought to my attention.

*“And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call My name, and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”* (NASB)

Consider this: Mined gold is put into a melting pot. Great heat is placed beneath the pot, which separates the impurities from the gold. These impurities rise to the top of the heated liquid and are scooped off and thrown away. Everything that remains is pure gold. The refiner’s pot can also represent our lives.

Our character is being forged in the refiner’s pot. Through difficulty, pain, sorrow, and discipline, the Lord brings our impurities to the top and scoops them off. Revelation 3:19 says *‘Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore and repent.’* We must pray for a tender heart that longs to please God and accept His refinement. Praise God for the fires that have refined your life. Thank the Lord for loving you so very much.

In His Grace<><  
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