

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	2
ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	11
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	14
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	19
DUI	10
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	34
DRUKENNESS	9
IMPERSONATION	2
INTIMIDATION	3
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	39
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5
SHOPLIFTING	13
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	3
WIRE FRAUD	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	81
TOTAL OFFENSES	246
TOTAL ARREST	ADULTS-99
TOTAL WARRANTS	CIVIL-1574
	JUVENILE-8
	CRIMINAL-282

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

As the weather cools our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays. These are a time for memories to be made, but there is nothing worse than to have our good times spoiled and bad memories in place of the good ones.

The holidays are a time for criminals to strike, when people have their thoughts on family time, gift giving or that big meal they are planning, it opens opportunities for crime to happen.

The best way for you to safe guard yourself is to be aware of the situations that may arise. In this newsletter, there are safety checklists, if you follow these it will cut the chance of a crime happening to you. I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office.

**Thank you,
Sheriff Newman**

Monthly Meeting Schedule

11-01	MENDOTA (1 st Thursday)	7:30 PM
	<i>Mendota Community Center</i>	
11-05	BURSON CORNER (1 st Monday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
11-06	HIGH POINT (1 st Tuesday) *Cancelled	7:00 PM
	<i>Highpoint Elementary School</i>	
11-13	TAYLORS VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Taylor's Valley Community Center</i>	
11-15	ZION COMMUNITY (3 rd Thursday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	
11-20	HIGHLANDER PARK (3 rd Tuesday) *Cancelled	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
11-22	KONNAROCK (4 th Thursday) *Cancelled	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	
11-27	HAYTERS GAP (4 th Tuesday)	10:30 AM
	<i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	
11-27	POOR VALLEY (4 th Tuesday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

01-08	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	
01-10	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
	<i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	
12-03	CLAYMAN VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
12-04	EAGLE RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>High Point Elementary School</i>	
12-08	WORTHINGTON WAY	5:00 PM
	<i>Worthington Way Road</i>	
12-10	CROWEVILLE/ GLADE SPRING	7:00 PM
12-11	HAYTERS GAP EVENING	7:00 PM
	<i>Clinch Mountain Fire Department</i>	
12-13	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>Ely Residence</i>	
12-17	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	<i>Pleasant View Methodist Church</i>	
12-18	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkestner Field</i>	
12-20	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	

Monthly Topic

Holiday Shopping Safety

Holiday Shopping Safety

If you are getting ready to hit the retail stores for a little Holiday shopping or black Friday madness, you should know how to keep yourself safe! You will be surrounded by millions of people all focused on finding the perfect gifts, and less focused on protecting yourself from criminals. Criminals will be out in full force during the Holiday season looking for easy targets. Common tactics for seasonal criminals are looking in car windows for anything of value, stealing items from the beds of pickup trucks, shoulder surfing for identity theft, and a simple but highly common theft is getting your purse or wallet stolen from a buggy. One of the number one crime prevention tools is vigilance. By appearing confident, maintaining situational awareness, using good common sense and reporting anything out of the ordinary, you are preventing potential and future crimes.

Shopping online safety checklist

- Use credit cards not debit cards when possible. Credit cards offer greater protection.
- Designate one credit card for online purchases, or use a pre-paid card.
- Secure cell phones and back them up regularly. Enable data encryption and antivirus apps. Use password and inactivity time locks.
- Don't reveal private financial data over shared wireless access points such as coffee shops.
- Never give credit card information over the phone unless you initiated the call or trust the company.
- Never link a bank account to an online pay service.
- Protect your computer with the latest browser, antivirus, anti-malware, and personal firewall protection and update regularly.
- Shop on secure sites that display "https" or a padlock in your browser address bar.
- Be aware of "phishing" e-mail scams that include website links advertising incredible deals.

Department store shopping safety checklist

- Remember to limit amounts of cash you carry. Use debit or credit cards to make your purchases. Also keep a copy of your credit card company phone numbers handy in case your cards are stolen or misused.

- Try to avoid shopping alone. Shop in numbers; take a friend or family member with you.
- Be sure to park in areas where the lighting is adequate.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If something seems out of place or strange, do not hesitate to notify the police.
- Do not leave your purse in a buggy while you shop. This is a simple but very common theft.
- Do not leave items such as MP3 Players, iPods, cell phones, tablets, portable DVD players, GPS systems, or any form of money in plain view in your vehicle.
- Do not leave empty boxes from Christmas gifts in your front yard to be picked up. This just advertises what you have purchased.
- Place purchased items in your car's trunk so they are not readily visible.
- In addition to requesting extra police patrols for your house and participating in Neighborhood Watch, keep some lights on inside and outside of the house when you are away. An area with adequate lighting is less tempting to a criminal.
- If you have the misfortune of becoming a victim of a crime, try to remember as much as you can about any possible suspects. Vehicle descriptions, tag numbers, clothing descriptions and physical characteristics are helpful to police investigating a crime.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The time was the 19th of May, 1780. The place was Hartford, Connecticut. The day has gone down in New England history as a terrible foretaste of Judgment Day. For at noon the skies turned from blue to gray and by mid-afternoon had blackened over so densely that, in that religious age, men fell on their knees and begged a final blessing before the end came. The Connecticut House of Representatives was in session. And as some men fell down and others clamored for an immediate adjournment, the Speaker of the House, one Colonel Davenport, came to his feet. He silenced them and said these words: "The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles may be brought."

Robert P. Dugan, Jr., [Winning the New Civil War](#), p. 183.

May we be found on "The Day of Judgment", doing our very best! In this time of our countries decisions; may we all be about doing what we are called and commissioned to do.

Seeking Still <><
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