

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)	14
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	19
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	14
Driving Under the Influence	8
Drug/Narcotic Violations	33
Drunkness	11
False Pretense/Swindle	5
Grand/Petit Larceny	16
Impersonation	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	8
Pornography/Obscene material	2
Shoplifting	9
Theft From Motor Vehicle/Building	4
Weapon Law Violations	8
All Other Offenses	82
Total Offenses	237

Total Arrest	Total Warrants
Adult- 65	Criminal- 363
Juvenile- 2	Civil- 1435

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

As the air turns cooler and leaves drop from the trees, it's important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, your family can enjoy the crisp autumn weather and the holidays while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.

Always keep the safety of yourselves and others a top priority.

As always, if you have a question or concern, please contact our office.

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Monthly Meeting Schedule

2 nd Mon	WASHINGTON CHAPEL (at WCSO 11/01/16)	6:00PM
	<i>Washington Chapel United Methodist Church</i>	
3 rd Tue	HIGHLANDER PARK/Exit 10	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
4 th Tue	HAYTERS GAP	10:30 AM
	<i>Hayters Gap Community Center</i>	
4 th Thur	KONNAROCK (cancelled Holiday)	7:00 PM
	<i>Konnarock Community Center</i>	

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

12-01	MENDOTA	7:00 PM
	<i>Mendota Community Center</i>	
12-06	HIGH POINT	7:00 PM
	<i>High Point Elementary School</i>	
12-08	TAYLORS VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Taylor's Valley Community Center</i>	
12-08	QUAIL RIDGE	7:00 PM
	<i>Ely Residence</i>	
12-05	BURSON CORNER	7:00 PM
	<i>Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department</i>	
12-12	CROWVILLE/ GLADE	7:00 PM
	<i>Glade Spring Senior Center</i>	
12-01	HOLSTON GREENDALE	7:00 PM
	<i>Greendale Elementary</i>	
12-15	ZION COMMUNITY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	
12-15	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY	7:00 PM
	<i>Zion Church</i>	
12-19	MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES	7:00 PM
	<i>Pleasant View Methodist</i>	
12-20	EVERGREEN/LOWRY HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Noonkester Field Park</i>	
12-26	OAKWOOD DRIVE	7:00 PM
	<i>**Cancelled Holiday</i> <i>McDaniel Residence.</i>	
12 -27	POOR VALLEY/HAYTERS GAP	7:00 PM
	<i>Valley View Assembly of God Church</i>	
01-10	WOODLAND HILLS	7:00 PM
	<i>Woodland Hills Christian Church</i>	
01-12	GATE CITY HWY	7:00 PM
	<i>Three Springs Methodist Church</i>	

*****If Washington County Government offices are closed for a Holiday, there will be no neighborhood watch meeting.**

November – Autumn Safety

Fall is the time for yard clean-ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work and prepare your home.

Service Your Furnace - Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely- Clean chimneys prior to using. Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed. ****Replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**

Use Caution with Space Heater - A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Inspect your roof - Check for weak spots, missing shingles and clean gutters

Look Up Before Pruning Trees

If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

Use Caution on Ladders

Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

Clean Up Fallen Leaves

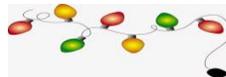
Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow may mix with leaves to increase the risk of falling. Homeowners should mulch or rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them according to local bylaws.

Direct downspout away from your home - Dealing with flooding in the cold winter months is no laughing matter. Store water hoses and insulate outdoor faucets.

Once you're finished with mowing, pruning and other outdoor maintenance, make certain to lock your equipment up. You will want to have it waiting on you when it's time to use it again!

Safely Enjoy the Beauty of the Season

By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind, you can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers. This will leave your mind free to enjoy the beauty of this glorious season.



In light of the upcoming Christmas season, we would like to acknowledge one of our dispatchers, Otis Arnold. Every year Otis extends the spirit of Christmas to our community through his large display of Christmas decorations. You and your family can see this beautiful display on Old Saltworks Rd. **November 26th will be the Memorial Service and annual tree lighting.** The lights will be lit through the end of December.

"With so much bad in the world, I'm glad we had an opportunity to see the light in people. So I want Otis to know he touched my Christmas in a huge way this year and I thank him from the bottom of my heart for being so kind to me and my children. I was touched tremendously by all his kindness."

(Submitted to the newspaper last year by Kayla Preece Abingdon, VA)

NOVEMBER 6 – Turn clocks back

NOVEMBER 8 – Election Day

NOVEMBER 11- Veterans Day **THANK YOU VETERANS!**

(Administrative Offices are closed)

NOVEMBER 24 – **Thanksgiving Day**

(Administrative Offices will close at noon 11/23-11/25)



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

According to a study of more than 500 family counselors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

***Communicating and listening *Affirming and supporting family members *Respecting one another *Developing a sense of trust *Sharing time and responsibility *Knowing right from wrong *Having rituals and traditions *Sharing a religious core *Respecting privacy.**

Focus on the Family Bulletin, December, 1988

As we approach the holiday season may we be reminded to cultivate and nurture our family relationships. Enjoy your time together and remember to savor every minute.

Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers



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