

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 November

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| Assault (Simple) | 14 |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 11 |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism | 8 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 5 |
| Drug/Narcotic Violations | 31 |
| Drunkness | 8 |
| Embezzlement | 2 |
| False Pretense/Swindle | 2 |
| Grand/Petit Larceny | 27 |
| Impersonation | 4 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 3 |
| Robbery | 2 |
| Shoplifting | 21 |
| Theft From Motor Vehicle/Building | 5 |
| Weapon Law Violations | 7 |
| All Other Offenses | 137 |
| Total Offenses | 287 |

| Total Arrests | Total Warrants |
|---------------|----------------|
| Adult-99 | Criminal- 345 |
| Juvenile- 7 | Civil- 1232 |

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

The shorter days and colder weather of winter can make anyone feel down. Don't let this happen to you. Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire.

It is the time for home. Make the most of the winter months by enjoying your time indoors and taking time to catch up on those things you put off when the weather was warmer.

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 | 6:00PM |
| | Washington Chapel United Methodist Church | |
| 3 rd Tue | HIGHLANDER PARK | 7:00 PM |
| | (next meeting March 21 st) | Noonkester Field Park |
| 4 th Tue | HAYTERS GAP | 10:30 AM |
| | | Hayters Gap Community Center |
| 4 th Thur | KONNAROCK | 7:00 PM |
| | | Konnarock Community Center |

Quarterly Meeting Schedule

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| 01-10 | WOODLAND HILLS | 7:00 PM |
| | Woodland Hills Christian Church | |
| 01-12 | GATE CITY HWY | 7:00 PM |
| | Three Springs Methodist Church | |
| 03-02 | MENDOTA | 7:00 PM |
| | Mendota Community Center | |
| 03-06 | BURSON CORNER /CLAYMAN VALLEY | 7:00PM |
| | Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department | |
| 03-07 | HIGH POINT | 7:00 PM |
| | High Point Elementary School | |
| 03-09 | TAYLORS VALLEY | 7:00 PM |
| | Taylor's Valley Community Center | |
| 03-09 | QUAIL RIDGE | 7:00 PM |
| | Ely Residence | |
| 03-13 | CROWVILLE/ GLADE | 7:00 PM |
| | Glade Spring Senior Center | |
| 03-14 | HOLSTON/ GREENDALE | 7:00 PM |
| | Greendale Elementary | |
| 03-16 | ZION COMMUNITY | 7:00 PM |
| | Zion Church | |
| 03-16 | RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY | 7:00 PM |
| | Zion Church | |
| 03-20 | MELVIN HILLS/OAK HILL ESTATES | 7:00 PM |
| | Pleasant View Methodist | |
| 03-21 | EVERGREEN/LOWRY HILLS | 7:00 PM |
| | Noonkester Field Park | |
| 03-27 | OAKWOOD DRIVE | 7:00 PM |
| | McDaniel Residence. | |
| 03-28 | POOR VALLEY | 7:00 PM |
| | Valley View Assembly of God Church | |

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

JANUARY – Winter Travel

A winter storm or other severe weather conditions can cause real damage. So it's important to think about winter preparedness.

Some winter weather tips to help you get through a severe stretch of cold:

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. It's a serious workout, and going at it too hard can bring on a heart attack – a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- Stay dry. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits the cold rapidly.

According to the Department of Transportation, 22% of all vehicle crashes in the U.S. and 16% of the fatalities are due to severe weather such as rain, snow, sleet and ice.¹ So, **prepare your car** for treacherous conditions and extremely cold temperatures – and know what to do if you find yourself stranded in a vehicle. When the temperatures start to drop:

- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, travel during the day.
- Don't travel alone. Keep others informed of your schedule.
- Stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Top off antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, gas, oil and other fluids.
- Make sure your tires have enough tread. Consider snow tires.
- Keep bagged salt or sand in the trunk for extra traction and to melt ice.
- Clear snow from the top of the car, headlights and windows.
- Save the numbers for your auto club, insurance agent and towing service into your cell phone.
- Keep a cold-weather kit in your trunk. It should include a blanket or sleeping bag, gloves, bottled water, folding shovel, first aid kit, flashlight and cell phone charger
- Call **911** for accidents and non emergency line for stranded motorists

****** Always keep a check on elderly neighbors and see if there are any supplies you can pick up for them while you're out. Don't forget to provide your pet with food, fresh water and a warm place to sleep.**

If you're trapped in a vehicle

- Remain inside. Rescuers are more likely to find you there.
- Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes every hour. Clear any snow from the exhaust pipe to reduce your risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Move around to maintain heat.
- Use maps, floor mats and seat covers for insulation.
- Take turns sleeping. Someone should always be awake to alert rescuers.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Turn on the inside light at night so rescue crews can find you.
- If you're stranded in a remote area, stomp out the words "SOS" or "HELP" in the snow.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We don't live in an ideal world, in our world, surprises sometimes happen, mistakes happen, incidents with other drivers happen, and a driver must react. It's important to remember that a car is only as good as its tires. Momentum is a powerful force of nature. Without friction, if the tires lose traction the driver is at the mercy of momentum. Be careful and maintain traction in life, in relationships, and the family. Friction is not always a bad thing. Travel can bring strain, difficulties, and hardship, but that friction can help us to stay grounded.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and *rescues* them.



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