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Chaska Police 4-1-1

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A Message from Chief Knight

“Census 101”

Most Census forms will be mailed March 15 – 17. Census workers will begin going door-to-door, at the end of April running through July, attempting to contact those who did not respond to the Census via return mail.



As we told you in a previous issue of the “CPD 411”, Census workers will carry a very specific piece of identification. If you are approached and have concerns, call 911, and a Chaska police officer will respond to your home immediately.

Remember these important facts:

- No legitimate Census worker will ask to enter your home for any reason.
- No legitimate Census form, or worker will ask you for your Social Security number, nor will they ask for any financial or banking information.
- You will never be contacted via e-mail, and no legitimate Census form exists that can be used online. You can report fraudulent e-mail to:

ITSO.Fraud.Reporting@census.gov

Predatory Offender Moves to Chanhassen

Ronald Rudolph Ernst – age 65 – has moved to an address on Flying Cloud Drive, in the City of Chanhassen. Mr. Ernst has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct, and has been assigned a Risk Level III, based upon his potential to re-offend and his previous criminal behavior.

The Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Carver County Sheriff's Department (who provides police service to Chanhassen) will hold a public meeting to further inform the community and answer questions, on:

Monday, March 15, 2010, at 7 PM
Location: Westwood Community Church
3121 Westwood Drive – Chanhassen

You can obtain more information about Mr. Ernst (including photos) by visiting the Department of Corrections website:

www.corr.state.mn.us



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Outdoor Weather Warning Siren Testing

This month, and continuing through the month of November the testing of the "Outdoor Warning Sirens" will resume. Tests are not conducted, during the months of December, January, and February. Now, in preparation for the severe weather season, testing will take place on the first Wednesday of each month, at 1 PM.

This is also now a good time to check your home/business indoor weather monitor to be sure it is programmed and working properly. If you do not own an indoor monitor, you should. They are inexpensive and easy to find. Remember that the "outdoor" warning siren system is not designed, or intended to alert people who are indoors.



Around the Clock -Sgt. Ben Anderson

Chaska Officers issued 74 citations and 31 warnings during this reporting period. There were 227 calls for service

DWI:

Officer Lawrenz stopped a vehicle for lane violations on County Road 10. The male driver was intoxicated and was arrested for DWI. He was on parole for a 2004 criminal vehicular operation involving a fatality, and manufacturing methamphetamine. An open bottle of vodka was in the vehicle. He was charged with 3rd degree DWI and open bottle.



Police received a report of an intoxicated female driver, who had just driven from a convenience store on County Road 61. The vehicle and driver were located at a liquor store in the area. The female was extremely intoxicated and a breath test indicated a .29 BAC. She was arrested for DWI. During the arrest, she struggled with officers and refused to sit in a squad car. Hobbles were used in order to transport her to the jail. She was charged with 3rd degree DWI and obstructing the legal process.

Disturbances:

While at a residence, a male and female (who were involved in a past relationship) became involved in an altercation. The male pushed, slapped and punched the female. She suffered facial injuries and left the residence. Police responded to the home and located the male hiding inside. He was arrested for domestic assault.

An officer observed a male having difficulty walking on the side of a roadway. The officer stopped to check on his welfare. He was intoxicated and a breath test indicated a .24 BAC. The male became disorderly and threatened the officer. He was taken into custody and charged with threatening an officer, disorderly conduct and underage consumption. He was placed in a detox facility. The male was also on probation for past underage consumption violations.

Need Help?

Assistance for Domestic Assault Victims

952.873.4214

Assistance for Sexual Assault Victims

952.448.5425

Statewide Referral Service (24hr)

1.800.247.0390

24 hour Emergency

First Call for Help

612.335.5000

Crisis Connection

612.379.6363

Crisis Intervention Center

612.347.3161

Suicide Prevention

612.347.2222

**Chaska Human Right Commission
HOTLINE:**

952.448.9200 EXT-7103

Community Partnership Specialist - Officer Julie Janke

Citizen Academy participants participated in a death investigation in the academy last night. They learned how to collect evidence, lift fingerprints, interview, and obtain search warrants and other investigative techniques during their "Chaska CSI" experience. Next week is traffic stops and graduation.



A big thanks to Scott, the manager at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery in Chaska for the delicious muffins and coffee for the academy.

Thanks also to Nyla and Rebecca from River Gables for the delicious fruit plate and cheese tray.



Operation Identification A Prevention Program Effective in Reducing Burglary!

In the age of technology and possessions that are valuable, it is important to be able to identify your belongings in the event they are stolen but more importantly, to prevent the theft from occurring. Operation ID is one way to accomplish that by first marking all easily stolen valuables in a way that they can be identified as yours and second, displaying the sticker that warns others you have done so. Law enforcement agencies assign numbers to citizens and businesses to mark either with electric engraver, marker or other tool, and then keeping a record of the items in a safe place. For more information or to receive the supplies (including engravers, markers and stickers), Contact Officer Janke, Community Partnership Specialist at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at jjanke@chaskamn.com to find out more about this program.

CSI-Chaska -Det. Rachel Nelson

The CPD blog just recently posted 10,000 hits! Thank you for visiting. The most current post shows photographs of two former Chaska residents with active arrest warrants. We need your help in locating these individuals.

Log onto www.cpdvideos.blogspot.com to see photographs and learn more.



CHS THEFT ALERT

The Chaska Police Department would like to remind parents and students who bring valuables to school to make sure they lock them up. The police department recommends to students that they should not bring electronic devices to school. The Chaska High School has seen an increase in students stealing electronic devices from other students. School Resource Officers are able to solve a significant number of these cases, but it is always better to try to prevent the opportunity for theft.

One recent complaint highlights this issue. During the after school hours of February 18, someone entered the girl's varsity locker room during basketball practice at the Chaska high school and stole two expensive cellular phones from two different unlocked gym lockers. School Resource Officer Kleber located a female high school student on the school video cameras. Student Supervisors Larry Schanzenbach and Amy Olson were able to identify the suspect who then admitted to stealing one phone. One phone was then recovered from that student's locker. This student will be charged with Theft and receive school consequences.

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the 4-1-1 via e-mail?
Check out our website for past issues!!
www.chaskamn.com/cityhall/ns_411.cfm**

Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 911
Police Service: 952.361.1231
Administration: 952.448.4200

Confidential Tip Line
952.227.2479

District 112 Student Tip Line
952.227.7448

Chaska Student Text Tip Line/Email
HawkTip@chaskamn.com

Website
www.chaskamn.com/cityhall/ns_policehome.cfm
www.cpdvideos.blogspot.com

**Knight Watch
Cable Channel 15**
7 days a week
10:00am
6:00pm and 10:35pm
knightwatch@chaskamn.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort between the local law enforcement agency and individual neighborhoods. Neighborhood Crime Watch is simply you and your neighbors watching out for one another. This begins with getting to know each other. Otherwise, how can you tell a neighbor from a stranger?



It is important that citizens become the eyes and ears of the police by reporting suspicious activity that is not a part of the neighborhood's routine. This is explained at an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting along with the minimal criteria for the program: 1) Active participation of at least 50% of the Watch area residents 2) Participation in Operation Identification 3) Meetings at least twice a year (one educational, one social on [National Night Out](#)).

What's in it for the citizens? Neighborhood Crime Watch members have a greater awareness of crime and knowledge of home security and personal safety. Exposure to crime prevention techniques and special events such as National Night Out enhances a citizen's ability to reduce opportunities for criminal acts. Enhanced reporting of suspicious activity makes residents more aware of who belongs in their neighborhood and are more inclined to report suspicious persons and activities to the police. Neighborhood Crime Watch signs serve as a warning to potential criminals that residents are concerned about crime and will call the police when suspicious activity is observed. The program promotes neighborliness by encouraging residents to get to know and interact with their neighbors, including exchanging information concerning vacation plans, vehicles belonging to their household, etc. It also encourages people to be observant of their neighborhood and to attend meetings designed to strengthen neighborhood safety and security. People feel safest, or at least more comfortable, in settings in which they are familiar.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

The time it takes to respond to a crime in progress is a determining factor in the apprehension of a criminal. A delay in reporting a crime by a couple of minutes greatly reduces law enforcement effectiveness. It is better to call in a few mistakes than to have one person become a victim of a crime. State clearly what kind of assistance is needed (police, fire or medical) and stay on the phone to answer all of the questions of the dispatcher. Remain calm. Emergency calls are prioritized according to the degree that persons or property are being threatened.

Call **911** for emergency situations and post non-emergency numbers for all other situations.

Sign Up Today! Contact: Community Partnership Specialist, Officer Janke at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at jjanke@chaskamn.com to start a Neighborhood Watch Group in your area.

Prepare for an emergency. Make a difference.

- ~One AMBER Stick can hold information for an entire family.
- ~"Missing Person" flyers and posters can be created instantly.
- ~Data can be imported directly into law enforcement's computer.
- ~Password is protected and information is encrypted for total privacy.



The AMBER Stick ~A Portable Child Identification Device~

The City of Chaska is committed to keeping families safe.

A message from Chaska Police Department Chief Scott Knight:

The Chaska Police Department is committed to keeping families safe. Preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation is paramount to us. In the past, we have worked with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to develop a comprehensive response plan if a child were reported missing in our city.

I ask you to prepare for your family's safety by making a \$20.00 investment in a technology called the **AMBER** Stick. The **AMBER** Stick retails for \$49.95, but we have secured the opportunity to purchase it at a significantly reduced price.

The **AMBER** Stick is a portable, electronic child identification device that enables law enforcement to download the profile of a child, vulnerable adult, or a loved one within seconds. The **AMBER** Stick is compatible with the National Code **AMBER** Alert System and data from the **AMBER** Stick can be immediately downloaded into the national database.

The **AMBER** Stick is carried on a key chain, in a purse, or in a wallet by parents or caregivers. Software on a small USB flash drive stores pictures, height and weight measurements, medical information, emergency contacts, and physical descriptions for an entire family. This information can be downloaded instantly on any windows-based computer.

The **AMBER** Stick is secured by a password to ensure privacy and the information stored is encrypted for added security. For more information on this technology, please visit www.amberstick.com.

I hope that you will make this investment in your family. To reserve an **AMBER** Stick, please contact our Community Partnership Specialist Officer Janke at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at jjanke@chaskamn.com.

Working together we make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to safety.

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