



# Police Beat 2020



## SCPD 2nd Quarter Crime Prevention Newsletter

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### Snapshots Of A Pandemic

## St Charles Police Department

*"We protect and serve our community with respect and a commitment to excellence."*

# Did You Know?

## Our Commitment to the Community

The deplorable circumstances that caused the death of George Floyd has sparked protests across the country. A peaceful Black Lives Matter demonstration recently was held in St. Charles by local organizers. The St. Charles Police Department worked with the demonstration's organizers to ensure a safe event. The City of St. Charles respects the right of all citizens to hold peaceful demonstrations and protects those exercising the basic right of free speech.

The St. Charles Police Department wanted to share the important tenets they work under every day to illustrate who they are as a department and clarify how they practice law enforcement in our community:

### **We Prohibit Excessive Use of Force**

The St. Charles Police Department prohibits the use of excessive force and operates according to professional standards of behavior as outlined by the National Accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). All Police Department standards, policies, and procedures are industry best practices and reviewed annually by outside experts in the field.

Specifically:

- Chokeholds or other moves to restrict breathing are strictly prohibited.
- Any force an officer uses must be reasonable, justified and necessary. All of use of force incidents are documented, reviewed, and investigated by the Police Department command team.
- St. Charles Police Officers regularly train for de-escalation techniques, including scenario-based training, to diffuse a situation. Other de-escalation strategies are components in most aspects of officer training. In addition, many officers also are certified in crisis intervention.
- Early-warning procedures in place that monitor behavior in the department and if there are any issues, they are addressed immediately. All of our officers are provided emotional support from our Employee Assistance Program, our Chaplin Program, and once a year are mandated to visit with an emotional support professional.

# Did You Know?

## **We Reject All Forms of Discrimination**

The primary mission of the St. Charles Police Department is to provide public safety for all of our citizens, no matter race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious beliefs.

- We have a zero-tolerance approach toward racial profiling and have a policy against biased-based policing.
- Vehicle and pedestrian stops are sent to an outside entity that reviews enforcement from a gender, race, and bias perspective.

In July 2019, St. Charles Police Chief James Keegan and the St. Charles Police Department formally adopted Ten Shared Principles affirmed by both the Illinois State Conference of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Among the values reflected in the Ten Principles are:

- Ensure that every life is valued and all persons shall be treated with respect and dignity.
- Require de-escalation training.
- Reject all forms of discrimination.
- Support fair and impartial justice.
- Endorse community policing to build relationships and trust.

## **We Utilize a Police Social Worker**

Since 2014, St. Charles has utilized a police social worker to offer access to crisis intervention, mental health, or other social services. We have a full-time social worker and 24-hour system in place to respond to crisis situations.

## **We are an Active Part of the Community**

The Police Department regularly conducts several community education and outreach programs, and organizes several fundraising events for Special Olympics Illinois.

## **We're Listening**

Our residents consistently rank our police services highly in resident surveys (91% in the 2020 Survey). But if you do have an issue, please feel free to reach out to the Police Department either by phone 630.377.4435, email [police@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:police@stcharlesil.gov) or online.

# Pandemic Status

## WHAT'S OPEN?

**Gatherings:** All gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed with this limit subject to change based on latest data & guidance

**Travel:** Travel should follow IDPH and CDC approved guidance

**Health care:** All health care providers are open

**Education and child care:** P-12 schools, higher education, all summer programs, and child care open with IDPH approved safety guidance

**Outdoor recreation:** All outdoor recreation allowed

### Businesses:

- **Manufacturing:** All manufacturing open with IDPH approved safety guidance
- **"Non-essential" businesses:** All employees return to work with IDPH approved safety guidance; Employers are encouraged to provide accommodations for COVID-19-vulnerable employees
- **Bars and restaurants:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Personal care services and health clubs:** All barbershops, salons, spas and health and fitness clubs open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Entertainment:** Cinema and theaters open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance
- **Retail:** Open with capacity limits and IDPH approved safety guidance

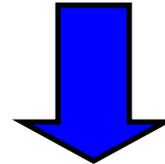
## HOW WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE

**Post-pandemic:** Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors.

## WHAT COULD CAUSE US TO MOVE BACK

IDPH will closely monitor data and receive on-the-ground feedback from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region



As of June 26th

PHASE 1 Rapid Spread	PHASE 2 Flattening	PHASE 3 Recovery	PHASE 4 Revitalization	PHASE 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, only essential business open.</p> <p>Regions can return to this phase</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores can re-open, curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Face masks required</p> <p>Can enjoy outdoor activities such as golf, boating &amp; fishing</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barber shops and salons can reopen with restrictions</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people allowed</p> <p>Social distancing &amp; face masks are the norm</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer allowed</p> <p>Restaurants and bars can re-open</p> <p>Travel resumes</p> <p>Child care and schools re-open under guidance from the IDPH</p>	<p>Economy fully re-opens</p> <p>Conventions, festivals, large gatherings permitted</p> <p>schools, and businesses can re-open with guidelines</p>

<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-phase-4>

Please continue to wear a mask and social distance from one another.

# Congratulations to...

## Retirements



**Cmdr Michael Griesbaum**

July 5, 1990

July 6, 2020



**Thank You For  
Your Service!**



**Officer Troy Peacock**

January 10, 1992

May 28, 2020

## Promotions



**Sgt Michael McCowan**

July 13, 2020

Promoted to  
Patrol  
Commander



**Det Tim Ocasek**

July 13, 2020

Promoted to  
Patrol Sergeant



# Scam Awareness



## Work at Home Scams

### Here's how they work:

You see an ad saying you can earn big money at home. Or one that offers help starting an online business – with a proven system to make money online. Or maybe your resume is on a job search website and someone calls: they want your driver's license and bank account numbers before they interview you.

What happens next? If you answer the ad to work from home, they'll ask you for money for training or special access. But there'll be no job. If you buy that "proven system," you'll get pressure to pay more for extra services. But you won't get anything that really helps you start a business or make money. And if you give that caller your driver's license and bank account numbers, they might steal your identity or your money.

### Here's what you can do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out.** Never pay money to earn money. And don't share personal information until you've done your research. Search online for the company name and the words "review," "scam" or "complaint."
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You probably know how to keep your money and information safe. But you may know someone who could use a friendly reminder.

Source: WWW.FTC.GOV

The Federal Trade Commission website has valuable information about this popular scam as well as many others. Educating the public about these scams is a great crime prevention tool. Please take advantage of this valuable resource.

## Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) Debit Card Fraud

Some residents of St Charles, and many other communities, have recently reported to the police that they received unemployment benefits in the form of a debit card from KeyBank even though they never applied. If this happens to you, please report it to IDES as a fraud at [www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting\\_Unemployment\\_Insurance\\_Fraud.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting_Unemployment_Insurance_Fraud.aspx)

It is also recommended that you monitor your credit report for fraudulent activity.



### Crime Prevention Notices

From April 1st through June 30th,  
St Charles police officers issued  
**901**

Crime Prevention Notices  
for such things as open doors  
and other conditions as a courtesy for  
your protection.

### The City of St. Charles is social!

*Keep up to date with all that's happening in St. Charles by following the city on these sites.*



[facebook.com/cityofstcharles](https://facebook.com/cityofstcharles)



[twitter.com/cityofstcharles](https://twitter.com/cityofstcharles)



[www.stcharlesil.gov](http://www.stcharlesil.gov)



[www.youtube.com/channel/UCzTtcCUQtE8dw2jRiMuRyTw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzTtcCUQtE8dw2jRiMuRyTw/)

## 2nd Quarter Police Reports

The following stats represent the number of reports taken by the police department for the period April 1 through June 30 2020

Commercial Burglary - 5	5
Residential Burglary - 1	2
Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 17	10
Retail Theft - 21	47
Criminal Damage to Property - 46	15
DUI (alcohol and drugs) - 10	26
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**Police Chief James Keegan**

### Police Department contact list

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- Chief of Police James Keegan .....630-762-6960
- Deputy Chief of Administration Erik Mahan.....630-443-3841
- Deputy Chief of Operations Chuck Pierce .....630-443-3827
- Commander of Investigations Eric Majewski.....630-443-6941
- Commander of Patrol Michael McCowan.....630-443-3845
- Commander of Special Services Richard Clark.....630-443-3721
- Traffic Safety Officer Jerry Schomer.....630-443-3823
- Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden.....630-443-3835
- Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter.....630-443-3865