



Police Beat 2020



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Health Alert



We hope that this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. With the recent global health concerns of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) , and the guidelines set forth by health officials, we were forced to take several precautionary measures to ensure your health and safety. We apologize for any inconvenience these actions may have caused you, but with President Trump declaring this a “National Emergency” we felt that they were necessary to help with stopping the spread of this disease. Please heed the warnings set forth by the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, as well as state and local officials. Take this global pandemic serious. Do not gather in groups, maintain social distancing and stay at home unless absolutely necessary to accomplish a permitted activity-such as obtaining groceries, medications or going to work if required as an essential function. Don’t panic. We are in this together, and we will get through this together. On page 2 of this newsletter, we have included important health tips for you to follow. We all need to do our part to stop COVID-19.

Postponed Until Further Notice



St Charles Police Department

“We protect and serve our community with respect and a commitment to excellence.”

Coronavirus Health Tips

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

* Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

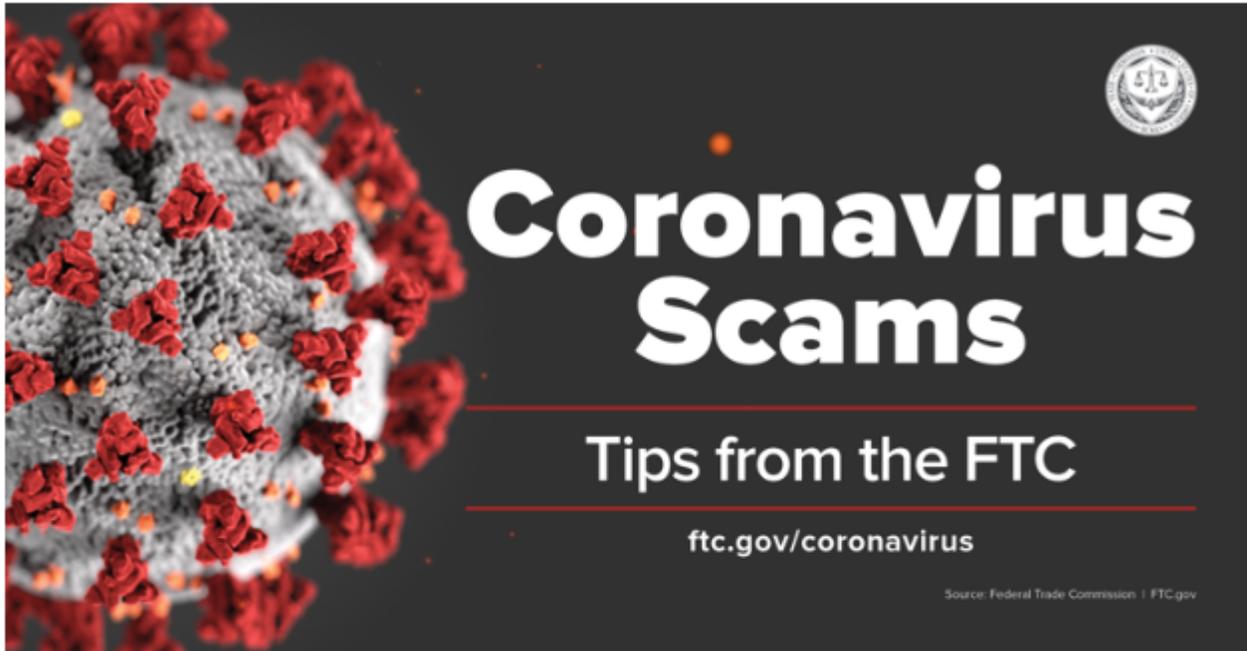
www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms



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Scam Awareness



Undelivered goods: Online sellers claim they have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies. You place an order, but **you never get your shipment**. Anyone can set up shop online under almost any name — including scammers.

What to do: Check out the seller by searching online for the person or company's name, phone number and email address, plus words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." If everything checks out, pay by credit card and keep a record of your transaction. If you're concerned about the pricing of products in your area, contact your state consumer protection officials. For a complete list of state Attorneys General, visit naag.org.

Source: WWW.FTC.GOV by Colleen Tressler Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

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.



Scam Awareness



Fake emails, texts and phishing: Scammers use fake emails or texts to get you to share valuable personal information — like account numbers, Social Security numbers, or your login IDs and passwords. They use your information to steal your money, your **identity**, or both. They also use **phishing emails** to get access to your computer or network. If you click on a link, they can install **ransomware** or other programs that can lock you out of your data. Scammers often use familiar company names or pretend to be someone you know. Here's a real-world example of a scam where phishers pretend to be the World Health Organization (WHO).

A fake email has the logo of the World Health Organization on it.
(Sophos Ltd.)

Re:SAFTY CORONA VIRUS AWARENESS WHO



World Health Organization



Dear Sir,

Go through the attached document on safety measures regarding the spreading of corona virus.

Click on the button below to download

Safety measures

Symptoms common symptoms include fever,coughcshortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

Regards,

Dr. Stella Chungong
Specialist wuhan-virus-advisory

FAKE

Info From Special Services

Commander Rich Clark

New All-Way Stop

If you've been on South Seventh Street or Oak Street lately, you may have noticed new stop signs in place that now require all approaching roadways to the intersection come to a complete stop. The police department takes in several calls a year for stop signs to be placed in various locations around the city. Did you know the decision to place a stop sign on any roadway is actually an in-depth process that requires many aspects of city government? In fact, in order to construct a stop sign the intersection must meet several qualifiers as set forth by federal guidelines and outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. There is often a traffic study conducted, along with crash data and several other criterion that must be met. The intersection of South Seventh and Oak Street had been studied several times in the past, but only recently did it meet the qualifications for an all-way stop. So be alert as you are nearing the intersection. No matter which approach you are on, you will now have to stop. Watch for pedestrians and other vehicles who may be unaware of the recent addition to the intersection. As always, be safe St. Charles!



Officer J. Schomer

As the Traffic Safety Officer (T.S.O.) I, interact with the public regarding traffic rules and regulations daily. It has been my experience drivers don't always know they are violating the laws. Due to the recent cell phone restrictions, I commonly observe drivers who are trying to obey the relatively new laws and wear listening devices in their ears while driving. Unfortunately, this is not correct and wearing a listening device or headphones in "both" ears is in violation of statute 625 ILCS 5/12-610. The statute reads *no driver of a motor vehicle on the highway of this state shall wear headset receivers while driving*. The state defines a headset receiver as *any device worn on a person's head that enables the wearer to hear or receive electronic communication*. Items exempt are hearing aids, single-sided headset, and an earpiece. So, wearing headphones and earbuds are prohibited !!



Did you know the St. Charles Police Department has several state-certified officers that will inspect your child safety seats? The state and the city take child passenger protection extremely seriously, and all inspectors go through a three-day class to be certified. Officers will inspect everything from infant to booster seats to make sure that your initial installation is correct.

Appointments may be made by calling Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter at (630) 443-3865 Monday through Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays between 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. or via email at rbeeter@stcharlesil.gov



Did You Know?

Elderwatch

 Elder Watch is a free program that is designed to assist police, fire, and ambulance personnel with information that may be needed to help seniors in a crisis or medical emergency. Citizens aged 60 and over can **download the two-page Elder Watch Application Form** or pick one up at the Police Department.

The information from the completed application is then transferred into the Tri-Com Dispatch Center database. Local police and fire personnel then have this information available in an emergency situation.



ST. CHARLES POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ELDERWATCH PROGRAM

PARTICIPANT					
Last Name:			First Name:		
Date of Birth:		Social Security Number:			
Address:				Home Phone:	
				Cell Phone:	
Race:	Sex:	Hgt:	Wgt:	Hair Color:	Eyes:
Special needs or Consideration:					
MEDICAL INFORMATION					
Doctor's Name:			Phone:		
Hospital:					
Chronic Illnesses:					
Allergies:					
Medication:					
Do you have a Living Will? Yes No (Circle one)					
Do you have an official and signed DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) request form at home? Yes No (Circle one)					
Location in home of Living Will and DNR request form:					
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY					
Name:			Home Phone:		
Address:			Cell Phone:		
Vehicle Information: Make: Model: Year:					
Color: License: License State:					



ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT ELDERWATCH PROGRAM

EMERGENCY INFORMATION/ NEIGHBOR'S INFORMATION			
Name		Address:	
Home phone:		Work phone:	
Cell phone:			
Does neighbor have a key to your home? Yes No (Circle one)			
RELATIVE'S INFORMATION			
Name:		Relationship:	
Address:		City:	State:
Home phone:		Work phone:	Key to house?
Cell phone:		yes no	
Name:		Relationship:	
Address:		City:	State:
Home phone:		Work phone:	Key to house?
Cell phone:		yes no	
SOCIAL WORKER/AGENCY INFORMATION			
Agency Name:		Case Worker:	
Phone:		Does agency have a key to your house?	
Cell phone:		Yes No	
Funeral Home Request:			

I am voluntarily participating in the ELDERWATCH program. I understand that this is a cooperative program involving the ST. CHARLES POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. With your participation in this program, the City will be able to better meet your needs and the needs of the community. Your signature will allow us to share this information with other emergency agencies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:

Elderly Service Officer
St Charles Police Department
2 State Avenue
St Charles IL 60174



1st Quarter Police Reports

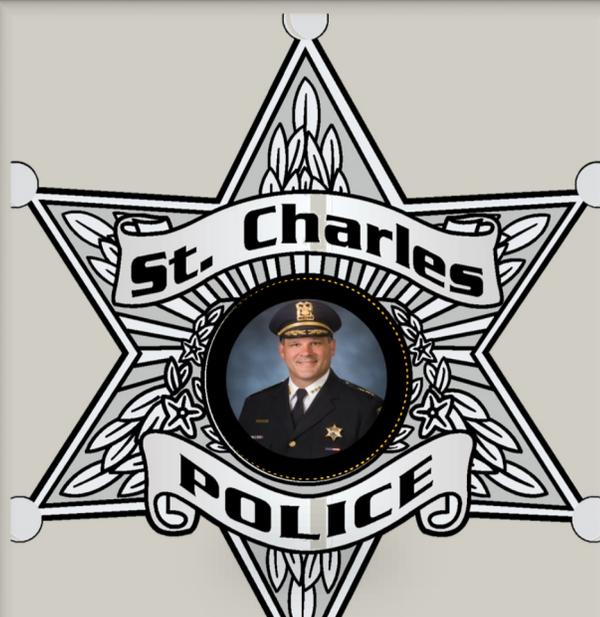
The following stats represent the number of reports taken by the police department for the period January 1 through March 31 2020

Commercial Burglary - 5	5
Residential Burglary - 2	1
Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 10	15
Retail Theft - 47	40
Criminal Damage to Property - 15	26
DUI (alcohol and drugs) - 26	17
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Crime Prevention Notices

From January 1st through March 31st,
St Charles police officers issued
753

Crime Prevention Notices
for such things as open doors
and other conditions that could
jeopardize your safety.



Police Chief James Keegan

Police Department contact list

Main Number	630-377-4435
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 Griesbaum.....	630-443-3821
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