



Police Beat

SCPD Crime Prevention Newsletter

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The St. Charles Police Department is very proud of its officers, both human and K9.

Our very loved K9 Saint has been working hard with his handler, Officer Mike Redmann. Saint has been actively working with Officer Redmann since May of 2021 on the evening shift. The team has not only been successful in assisting the St. Charles Police Department, but they have assisted many other agencies throughout Kane County as well. Saint and Officer Redmann have successfully found narcotics, assisted with leading officers in the

right direction of locating people, put on presentations and much more.

Not only do Saint and Officer Redmann work hard on the road, but they also work hard when training. The two attend weekly training with other dogs throughout Kane County. When St. Charles Police Department has their own training, Officer Redmann will have Saint attend to keep up on his skills and relationship with the officers he works around.

Remember, if you see Saint in public, do not approach him. He is trained to not have interactions with the public, and is very apprehensive of strangers.

Saint has been a great addition to the St. Charles Police Department and a very useful tool. The department is proud of the great work that both he and Officer Redmann have accomplished in the almost two years they have worked together!

Events



During the first quarter of 2023, St. Charles Police Department has been busy participating in a wide variety of events throughout the city, and outside of the city.

On January 30th, Officer Kramer and Charlie were invited to the Richmond/Davis literacy night. Officer Kramer was able to read a book to the kids about different types of service dogs and how they help kids with different disabilities. The book was titled "Our Service Dogs" and was donated to the school after reading.

The St. Charles Police Department worked with Compass Academy to hold a First Responders Course for high school students. Officers taught classes on Crime Scene Processing, Accident

Reconstruction, Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigations and DUI. The course culminated with a full scenario where the students had to respond to and investigate a crime and conduct the initial investigation. In the scenario, students performed many roles which included dispatchers, medics, patrol officers, detectives and crime scene technicians while Compass Academy staff performed as role players. The class was well received by students and staff.



Officer Kramer and Detective Rentschler went to the College of DuPage's Military-Connected Career and Internship Fair. This was an event hosted by COD for veterans and their families to come out and meet local employers. The employers were not just law enforcement agencies. The city of St. Charles had a representative from HR, and the Fire Department as well. This was a great way for veterans to get to know about the Police Department, Fire Department and the city.



Events

The St. Charles Police Department, along with the Fire Department and other city staff participated in the Polar Plunge. This was held outside of the old Police Department in the beginning of March. Members who participated plunged into cold water to raise money for the Special Olympics. The Police, Fire, and Friends Team was able to raise \$18,330. Other participants were from Batavia Police Department, the Kane County State's Attorney's Office, and two Special Olympic Athletes.

There will be another opportunity to donate to the Special Olympics in May. Be on the look out on Friday, May 19th for St. Charles Police Department at Dunkin Donuts on both the East side and West side for Cop on a Rooftop.



On Saturday, March 11th, the city held its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. There were over eighty floats and lots of participants who walked in it. It was great to see so many residents out despite the weather being colder.

Other than Cop on a Rooftop, be sure to mark your calendars for a couple of other events that will be happening. Saturday, April 22nd, is the DEA drug takeback event. This is for St. Charles residents to come dispose of their prescription medications safely. No needles, inhalers, liquids, or aerosols can be taken. This event will be held from 10:00 AM to 2: 00 PM at the Northwestern Medical Office 2570 Foxfield Rd. in the East parking lot.

Saturday, May 6th the Police Department will be participating in a shred event with the Kane County Credit Union. This takes place at the old Police Department, 211 N. Riverside Ave. starting at 9:00 AM and go until 11:00 AM. The shred event is open to residents of St. Charles only.

Scam Awareness

The St. Charles Police Department has seen a recent uptick in online scams leading to fraud over the last couple of weeks. Many of these fraudulent incidents have occurred while the victim has been using the internet. Listed below is a friendly reminder on what to do and what not to do when using the internet.

- Never click on pop-ups or unknown links
- Do not provide banking information to anyone you do not know
- Do not provide any money to strangers online or over the phone
- If you are asked to make purchases, or send money for items such as gift cards, Bitcoin, etc. do not provide the money or make the purchases
- Reach out to your bank if you need confirmation for emails, links, or phones calls you may view as suspicious
- Use virus protection and malware on your devices
- Complete all online banking on a secure network. These will usually include a "https" at the beginning of the link
- Should access to your bank account be accessed by someone who is not authorized, immediately contact your bank and freeze all accounts
- Should you become a victim of these scams, contact your local police department as soon as possible

The Federal Trade Commission is a great resource for fraud, identity theft, scams, and more. For more information from the FTC check out www.ftc.gov

The St. Charles Police Department has handouts they are able to provide to those who would like more information regarding protection of identity and fraud. If you are interested in obtaining these materials, reach out to Crime Prevention Officer Kramer at MKramer@Stcharlesil.gov or 630-443-3894.



Charlie's Corner

Charlie cares about all of his dog friends throughout the city of St. Charles. With the warmer weather coming, Charlie would like to pass along some safety tips to all pet owners.

Remember that vehicles heat up quickly, even with the windows cracked. It is not safe to leave furry friends in the car, even if it feels comfortable out to us.

If you have a fence, be sure to check that it is secure and there are no spots missing fencing. The St. Charles Police have been getting a lot of calls for strays. We want to make sure that everyone's pets are secure and safe at their home.

Although it's not required to own a pet, microchipping your pet is a great way to ensure a safe return should they get out of the house, fence, or slip their collar. Recently, the St. Charles Police Department has been having difficulties reuniting dogs with their owners due to the dogs having no collar or microchip. If we are unable to locate a chip or a collar, the dogs will go to animal control where they are held for potential owner reunification.

Lastly, to prevent dog bites, always ask owners before petting a dog or allowing your dog to approach another. Some dogs prefer their "space" from other dogs, or may not be as comfortable with strangers.

Charlie and the St. Charles Police Department hope the citizens and their pets are able to get outside and enjoy the nice weather soon!



Police Report Comparisons

Below is a comparison of first quarter police reports and fourth quarter police reports. The first quarter reports were completed between January 1, 2023—March 31, 2023 and the fourth quarter reports were completed between October 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. The crimes listed below are some of the more common crimes we see here in the city of St. Charles. Remember, if you see something suspicious, call 911.

	Quarter 1	Quarter 4
Commercial Burglary	6	6
Residential Burglary	5	5
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	24	5
Retail Theft	17	40
Criminal Damage to Property	19	25
DUI (alcohol and drugs)	12	23

To help prevent crime, the St. Charles Police Department will issue Crime Prevention Notices. These are friendly reminders on how citizens can better prevent crime. Throughout fourth quarter, the St. Charles Police Department issued 645 Crime Prevention Notices. We provided a picture of what our Crime Prevention notices look like! If you ever receive one of these and have any questions, feel free to call the officer who issued the notice by calling the Police Department's direct line, or contact Crime Prevention Officer Kramer.

CRIME PREVENTION NOTICE
ST CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

The St. Charles Police Department is concerned with your safety and security from criminal activity. The security risk noted below significantly enhances your potential for becoming the target of a crime.

Date/Time: _____

Location: _____

Officer _____ Star # _____

OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

☐ **EVERYTHING WAS FOUND TO BE IN ORDER**

☐ OPEN GARAGE DOOR ☐ NEWSPAPERS/MAIL ACCUMULATED

☐ OPEN DOOR ☐ NO VISIBLE ADDRESS

☐ UNSECURED DOOR ☐ VALUABLES LEFT OUTSIDE

☐ OPEN SECURITY GATE ☐ UNSECURED BICYCLE

☐ OPEN OR BROKEN WINDOW ☐ VEHICLE UNLOCKED

☐ INADEQUATE LOCKS ☐ VALUABLES VISIBLE IN VEHICLE

☐ POOR OUTSIDE LIGHTING ☐ VEHICLE ALARM ACTIVATION

☐ BUILDING ALARM ACTIVATION ☐ OTHER (see Comments)

Comments: _____

We hope that you will join us in our Crime Prevention efforts by correcting the problem(s) you see checked above. For further information on how to reduce the chance of your residence or business becoming a target of crime, contact the St. Charles Police Department's **Crime Prevention Officer at 630-377-4435**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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The St. Charles Police Department is located at 1515 W. Main St.

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 Eric Majewski.....	630-443-3827
Investigations Commander Drew Lamela.....	630-443-3742
Patrol Commander Rich Clark.....	630-443-3721
Special Services Commander Mike McCowan.....	630-443-3845
Traffic Safety Officer Jerry Schomer.....	630-443-3823
Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer.....	630-443-3894
Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter.....	630-443-3865



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