



Police Beat

SCPD Crime Prevention Newsletter

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The St. Charles Police Department is happy to share that we were able to host our first Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) and Youth Police Academy (YPA) since 2020! The CPA was opened up this year to those who were supposed to attend in 2020 but unfortunately had the class cancelled on them last minute due to Covid. The CPA went from April 18th—May 18th every Monday and Wednesday evening. Those who attended the class got to learn about a variety of aspects of law enforcement, specific to St. Charles Police. Students got to do hands on experiences as well, such as, finger printing, observe traffic stop techniques, and even got to try out Virtra. The Virtra is a simulated experience of every day policing that officers experience. At the end of the academy, there was a short graduation ceremony.



2022 CPA Graduates

The YPA went from June 6th—June 10th with kids ranging from ages thirteen to seventeen years old. The week long class taught kids in the community what a day in the life of policing is like. The kids participating in the class got to work a mock crime scene, visit the judicial center and watch a mock trial. The kids were able to attend a CPR certification class at the fire department and tour station one! On the last day, students got to have a graduation where their parents and siblings got to attend.



2022 YPA Graduates

Be on the look out for the 2023 Citizen's Police Academy application in January of next year! The Youth Police Academy application will be out in April of 2023!

Job Shadow Program



The city of St. Charles has started a new program where students in the high schools that have an interest in different city departments can do a job shadow. So far this quarter alone, the St. Charles Police Department has had seven students come through for the job shadow. The students are given a tour of the police department and at the end, get to ask any questions they have about being a police officer.

Some of the students have expressed an interest in becoming a K9 handler. These students were able to meet Officer Redmann and K9 Saint. The students had the opportunity to ask Officer

Redmann any questions they have about handling a police K9 and saw a demonstration put on by Saint.

Not only has the police department had students come through who are interested in being a police officer, but students who are either interested in police work or what police records clerks do. These students were able to get an experience of both sides by receiving the tour of the department, asking questions to a police officer, and then finishing their time in records. The students were able to learn about how much documentation goes into police work, how the records are saved, and much more.

Remember that this opportunity is not just for those interested in law enforcement. Any student who is interested in any type of city work can reach out and request the department they would like to shadow!



DEA Drug Take Back Event

This past April, the St. Charles Police Department participated in the nationwide DEA Drug Take Back Event. This event was held on Saturday, April, 30th across the United States. The event was located on the east side parking lot of the Northwestern medical building off Foxfield Rd.

The DEA hosts this event twice a year at designated locations to assist

citizens with getting rid of prescription medications safely. It is important to note that the medications taken at these events are of pill form only. Aerosols, liquids, needles, etc. will not be collected. Once the prescriptions are collected, they are taken back to the police department where they are stored in a secure area. They are then brought to the DEA disposal site during the week.



The event held in April obtained approximately eighty-three pounds worth of prescription medication! Be sure to keep an eye out of the October date if you have any medications that need to be disposed of.

Any questions for the upcoming DEA Drug Take Back Event, reach out to Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer at 630-443-3894 or MKramer@Stcharlesil.gov.



Solicitors



City of St. Charles Municipal Code Book

Now that it's summer time and lots of people are outside enjoying the warm weather, be aware of unauthorized solicitors. The city of St. Charles has a local ordinance for the rules that solicitors must follow which can be found on the city's website (Chapter 5.36).

Solicitors must apply with the city and need to provide an application fee. Those who plan on soliciting have rules they must follow after they are approved. A few of the rules are, wearing an identification tag showing they applied, paid and were approved by the city. Should a residence have a "no solicitor" sign posted, the solicitor should not attempt to make contact with anyone at that residence. Solicitors will not ring doorbells excessively and stay an excessive period of time on a citizen's property. Solicitors must follow the hours of 9am-7pm and no solicitation on Sunday's or holidays. Should a solicitor violate any of the rules listed above (or others posted in the ordinance), they can receive a one-hundred dollar citation for the first offense. After the first citation, the fines can be up to five-hundred dollars for each additional violation.

Remember, always be cautious with solicitors. There are a lot of different scams that are going around and it is important to protect yourself. If you do not believe they have applied through the city, do not give any information or money to the solicitor. Contact 911 so the St. Charles Police Department can come out and investigate.



Home Security

Home is where everyone wants to feel the safest. Follow some safety tips below to ensure your home is secure as possible!

- Ensure all doors and windows are locked.
- Keep garage overhead doors closed.
- Do not leave windows open when no one is home.
- Keep a list of valuables, to include serial numbers.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- If possible, secure large amounts of cash / expensive valuables in as safe.
- Have lights on the front and rear of your home.
- Secure ladders and ensure there is no access to the second story.
- Lock vehicles parked in the driveway or garage.
- When going out of town, do not post it on social media.
- If able, purchase cameras or an alarm system.



These are just a few tips on how to keep your home secure! The St. Charles Police Department offers a home security survey that can be conducted of your home. For more information, or to book an appointment for your home security survey, contact Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer at 630-443-3894 or MKramer@Stcharlesil.gov.



Charlie's Corner



Charlie wants to remind the citizen's of St. Charles that cars heat up quickly in the summer heat! Charlie wants to make sure no pets or children are left inside any cars this summer, even if the windows are cracked. Below is a chart from San Francisco University showing how quickly cars can heat up. Charlie, along with the St. Charles Police Department want to make sure everyone stays safe and cool this summer, even our furry friends!

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

Elapsed time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

Courtesy Jan Null, CCM; Department of Geosciences, San Francisco State University



Crime Prevention Notices

From
April 1st through June 30th
St Charles police officers issued
867

Crime Prevention Notices. These are reminders for the community on how to protect themselves and their property from crime.

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www.stcharlesil.gov



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, 2022 through June 30, 2022

Commercial Burglary - 4	3
Residential Burglary - 4	1
Burglary from Motor Vehicle - 16	24
Retail Theft - 45	18
Criminal Damage to Property - 24	30
DUI (alcohol and drugs) - 20	11

Previous
Quarter



Police Chief James Keegan

Police Department contact list

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