



Police Beat

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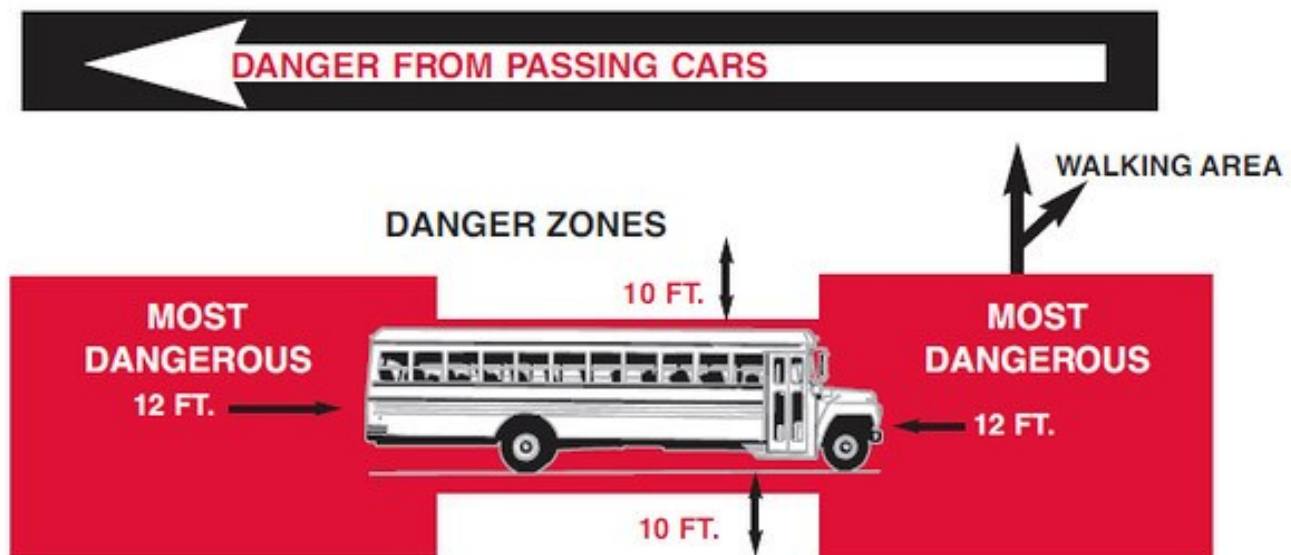


Summer is going by quickly and the school year will start back up on August 14th. The St. Charles Police Department would like to remind everyone that the school zone speed limits will be back in effect. This means when children are present all vehicles must slow their speeds down to **20 MPH**.

Not only are the speed limits important to watch for, but school buses as well. Remember, when the stop arm is out all driver's must stop. Keep in mind that violators are being reported to the traffic safety officer. Should a driver get convicted of this violation, there is

a mandatory three month suspension of the driver's license.

These reminders are to help keep all of our kids safe in our community!



Events

Over the last quarter, the St. Charles Police Department has participated in multiple community events. We are excited to share with the community what we participated in!

The St. Charles Police Department partnered with Northwestern Medicine for the DEA Drug Take Back event on Saturday, April 22nd. The event ended a little early due to inclement weather. However, there were still 39.4 pounds of prescription medications turned in for disposal! There will be another event held in October, be sure to keep an eye out for the date.



On Thursday, April 27th the city of St. Charles hosted "Bring Your Student to Work Day". This consisted of all city departments providing tours of their respective departments, providing information on what each department does, and more. The police department was happy to participate to show the students what we do on a daily basis. The kids were able to see the inside of a squad car, tour the police department, meet K9 Charlie, and explore the evidence aspect of the department.

Saturday, May 6th the police department partnered with the Kane County Credit Union for a shred event. This was held at the old police department on the east side of the building. This is a great event to help the citizens get rid of personal documents, to protect identity, and other sensitive information.



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On Thursday, May 11th Starbucks located on the Eastside by the mall invited St. Charles PD to participate in "Coffee with a Cop". This was a fun event where officers got to interact with the community, make drinks, serve the drinks, and meet citizens from all over.

Thursday, May 19th the police department participated in the nation wide "Cop on a Rooftop". This event is paired with Dunkin Donuts to help raise money for the Special Olympics. Both the westside and eastside Dunkin Donuts paired up with us to help raise money and awareness for this great event!

The annual Memorial Day Parade was held on May 29th. There were approximately 35 different floats and walkers that participated. At the end of the parade, a memorial was held for to remember those who gave their life for our country.

On Tuesday, June 13th, Officer Kramer and Charlie participated in the Girl Scout Camp held at LeRoy Oaks. Officer Kramer was able to speak with all the participants about the daily life of police work, and let the kids get their pets in with Charlie!



Scam Awareness



Today, many people get calls from numbers they do not recognize. The people who are doing these calls have many different motives. They could be trying to get money, personal information, or even information on your family members. Even if the phone number appears to be from the area, a scammer could be calling from another country. There's many different ways to get fake phone numbers to

match the area codes of where the scammer may be calling. The "do not call" registry is one good way to help protect yourself from phone scams. You can register on the FTC.gov website and report unwanted calls on the website as well.

Don't forget that scams are not only through a phone call, but can come through as a text message. Treat this no differently than an online scam. Do not click on any links sent to you, do not provide any personal information, and be sure to delete the text. Also, look at the time the text message was sent. Some of the more recent text message scams have been sent around two or three o'clock in the morning.

If you ever are looking for more information on protecting yourself from scams, contact Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer at MKramer@stcharlesil.gov, or 630-443-3894.



Charlie's Corner

Charlie is enjoying his summer so far and wanted to share some fun facts about himself. It is often asked if Charlie lives at the police department or if he goes home with his handler, Officer Kramer. Charlie gets to go home every night with Officer Kramer and live the life of a normal dog. Over the last 2.5 years of his life, Charlie has gotten to go camping, boating, swimming, and travel to different states. Charlie also lives at home with his dog siblings, horses, chickens, goats, and cats. He loves all of the other animals and gets along with them great!



When at the police department and not on a call or at an event, Charlie gets to play with the staff members and take naps. Charlie lives the well deserved spoiled life at work and at home. He is very loved by all of his coworkers and his family!

Police Report Comparisons

Below is a comparison of second quarter police reports and first quarter police reports. The second quarter reports were completed between April 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023. The first quarter reports were completed between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023. 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 2	Quarter 1
Commercial Burglary	1	6
Residential Burglary	0	5
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	24	24
Retail Theft	19	17
Criminal Damage to Property	31	19
DUI (alcohol and drugs)	7	12

To help prevent crime, the St. Charles Police Department may issue Crime Prevention Notices. These are friendly reminders on how citizens can better prevent crime. Throughout fourth quarter, the St. Charles Police Department issued 606 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 Tim Ocasek.....	630-443-3845
Traffic Safety Officer Kyle Popp.....	630-443-3823
Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer.....	630-443-3894
Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter.....	630-443-3865



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