



Police Beat

SCPD Crime Prevention Newsletter

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The St. Charles Police Department has been working very hard at enforcing speed limits in the school zones, along with stop arm violations for school buses. A few reminders for those who travel these routes during the school hours:

- The speed limit for ALL school zones is **20 MPH** when children are present. Please watch for children who are walking or biking to school.
- The fine for a school zone speed violation is a minimum \$150 and requires a mandatory court appearance.
- To read the statute for school zones, research 625 ILCS 5/11-605.
- All vehicles shall stop for any bus that is stopped with the stop arm out on a two lane road.
- Bus drivers are documenting and reporting those who violate stop arm violations to St. Charles Police Department.
- A citation for a stop arm violation is a mandatory court appearance, and a mandatory three month suspension of the driver's license.
- To read the statute for stop arm violations, research 625 ILCS 5/11-1414.



Please bare in mind that these laws are set in place, and enforced by the St. Charles Police Department for the safety of the children attending school.

City Events



Unfortunately, the city had to reschedule the 4th of July fireworks date to September 1st. The fireworks were held at Potawatomie Park and were a great success!

On August 2nd, the St. Charles Police Department partnered with

Bartlett Police Department in their National Night Out! Officer Kramer and Charlie joined Maverick and Commander Alagna from Bartlett, along with Hope and Detective Korsartes from Streamwood for this family fun event.

On August 19th, the St. Charles Police Department participated in Cop on a Rooftop to raise money for the Special Olympics! The department was fortunate enough to raise over \$4,000! Thank you to all who donated!

Summer flew by and we are now into fall! Scarecrow Fest is always a great way to celebrate the change of the seasons. This year the fest was held on October 7th—9th! There was a great turn out this year with lots of family fun activities!

On October 31st, be on the look out for officers throughout the neighborhoods. The St. Charles Police Department is participating in their first trunk-or-treat event this year!



Be sure to stop by and say hi to the officers and get some treats! Charlie will be out helping to hand out treats as well! More information to come on where the officers will be located!



Ruse Burglary Safety Tips



The citizens of St. Charles are very fortunate to live in such a wonderful city! Unfortunately, crime can happen anywhere. Ruse burglaries are a type of burglary where the homeowner will be distracted by someone who pretends to have to work on their home, usually at the front door. While the homeowner is distracted by the one person, other people involved will attempt to make entry into the home through a different area of the house that the homeowner cannot see. These people will then attempt to take valuable items from the home. The St. Charles Police Department would like to remind our residents of some safety tips regarding ruse burglaries.

- Even though you're at home, best practice would suggest to keep all doors and windows locked.
- Be aware of your surroundings when answering the door for anyone you do not know.
- If you are not expecting workers to come to your residence, do not hesitate to ask for identification.
- Do not let anyone you don't know into your home.
- If you have an uncomfortable feeling about someone who has shown up to your home, call 911.
- Remind children not to answer the door for strangers.
- For expensive items in the home, keep a list with serial, or other identification numbers.



Snow Routes and Parking



City of St. Charles Municipal Code Book

Before we know it, snow will be here in the city of St. Charles. Below are some reminders regarding city snow routes and city ordinances regarding parking during snowfall.

- City Ordinance 10.40.060—Snow Routes
 - In summary: From November 1st to April 30th, it is unlawful for vehicles to be parked on the snow routes. Should vehicles be parked on the snow routes, the St. Charles Police Department has authorization to have the vehicles towed. Please check out the city code book online for a list of the snow routes under this section.
- City Ordinance 10.40.070—Snow Conditions and Vehicle Removal
 - In summary: It is unlawful for vehicles to park for a 72 hour period, or until the snow is cleared in three inches of snow or more on any of the city streets. This is determined by the Chief of Police. Should vehicles be parked during this time on city streets, the St. Charles Police Department has authorization to have the vehicles towed. Please check out the city code book online for further information.

Remember safe driving techniques when driving in the inclement weather. St. Charles Police Department wants everyone to be as safe as possible on our roads!

Reach out to the St. Charles Police Department with any questions regarding the snow routes and parking!



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 a 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



As stated earlier, Charlie will be participating in this year's trunk-or-treat event! He is so excited and can't wait to interact with the community, especially the kids! Charlie will be dressed up so keep an eye out to see what he's decided to be this year!

Before going trick-or-treating, remind children about stranger danger, the importance of making sure their candy is sealed prior to eating it, and staying in groups! Trick-or-treating hours will be from 3pm-7pm this year!

Charlie knows that adults love to celebrate Halloween as well! Charlie

wants all adults to celebrate safe and responsibly. Remember, if you drink too much, call for a ride! The St. Charles Police Department will be participating in a no refusal weekend that weekend. Please be safe and responsible!

Charlie wishes everyone a safe and fun Halloween!



Police Report Comparisons

Below is a comparison of third quarter police reports and second quarter police reports. The second quarter reports were completed between March 1, 2022—June 20, 2022 and the third quarter reports were completed between July 1, 2022 and September 30, 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 3	Quarter 2
Commercial Burglary	9	4
Residential Burglary	3	4
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	13	16
Retail Theft	39	45
Criminal Damage to Property	36	24
DUI (alcohol and drugs)	24	20

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 third quarter, St. Charles Police Department issued 763 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 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 Rich Clark.....	630-443-3721
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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