



Police Beat

SCPD Crime Prevention Newsletter

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Now that it is fall, the St. Charles Police Department would like to put out some reminders for the weather that will be changing. Remember, these tips are for the safety of our citizens!

With leaves falling and having to clean them up, remember do not create an open burn for them. This can cause a

fire safety hazard for yourself and those around you. It's best to just get some bags and place them on garbage day.

Hopefully fall will last awhile, but we never know with the unpredictable Illinois weather. Once it changes to cold, rain, sleet, and snow keep in mind best driving habits listed below.

Leave early so you're not rushing.

Keeping distance between cars.

Drive slowly.

Keep your gas tank full at least half full.

Keep extra coats or blankets in your car.

Be patient with others on the road.

Make sure to refresh your memory about snow routes and the ordinances for when the snow starts falling. The ordinances can be located in the city codebook online.



Events



This summer has been very busy for the St. Charles Police Department. Back in August, Officer Kramer and Charlie were able to participate in Bartlett Police Department's National Night Out. Streamwood Police Department joined and all three departments brought their comfort dogs. Pictured to the left are

Streamwood Corporal Kosartes with K9 Hope, Bartlett Commander Alagna with K9 Maverick, and St. Charles Officer Kramer with K9 Charlie. These three, dogs and handlers, have been working and training together with their dogs since 2021. Pictured to the right are Charlie and Hope hanging out at National Night out.



The St. Charles Police Department is proud to be apart of Central Kane County TRIAD. In August, Officer Kramer and Charlie were able to participate in the annual TRIAD picnic. This was Charlie's first time participating and he really enjoyed meeting new friends. Pictured below are members with the Central Kane County TRIAD along with a picture of Charlie hanging out at the picnic.



Events



The St. Charles Police Department was happy to assist with the St. Charles East homecoming parade back in August. The weather was perfect and there were over 40 floats that participated in the parade. Detective Larsen, the school's resource officer, was able to lead the parade. The police department looks forward to assisting with the St. Charles North parade on October 19th!

In the beginning of September, Officer Kramer and Charlie attended the Big Truck Show. This event is partnered with the St. Charles Park district, where trucks from all over come to James O'Brien Park and Otter Cove. Kids can look in all the different trucks, and were able to meet Charlie. Charlie loved meeting all of his new friends while attending this family fun event!

With Halloween right around the corner, the police department wants everyone to know that we will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat at the police department this year! Come by during Trick-or-Treating hours and visit our officers! Squad cars will be decorated and candy will be provided. Below is a picture from last year of K9 Saint with some of our officers who were in the Halloween Spirit!



Scam Awareness



Before we know it, the holidays will be here. During this time of year there may be a rise in scams. Be sure to protect yourself and others from scams that may arise over the next few months. Read the tips below to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

- Be careful of deals that seem “too good to be true”. Emails may be sent out to entice people into deals that appear to be really good.
- Check into gift vouchers that are offered online, be sure to verify they are coming from a legitimate company.
- Never click on suspicious links or pop-up ads.
- When making purchases online, check to see if the link starts with “HTTPS”. This means that the website you are purchasing from is using a secure platform. If it starts with “HTTP”, it is best to not provide personal information on that website.
- If you are purchasing from a website for the first time, research and look at the reviews of the company.
- Be leery of purchasing from people on social media. Do research to ensure the profile is legitimate if you decide to purchase from someone.
- Always trust your gut feeling. If something doesn’t see right, or add up, do not go through with it.
- If you believe you have been a victim of a scam call the police and file a report.

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 very excited to interact with everyone again this Halloween! Last year he enjoyed being in the neighborhoods getting to interact with so many people. This Halloween Charlie wants to put out some reminders to all the kids who plan on going out to trick-or-treating.



🎃 Always look both ways before crossing the street.

🎃 Never stray from the group or friend you are with.

🎃 If it gets dark out be sure to have a light with you.

🎃 If you have a cell phone, keep it with you but be sure to watch where you are going and don't focus on your phone.

🎃 If you receive open candy, throw it away.

🎃 Do not get in any cars with strangers, or go into a strangers home.

🎃 If you are uncomfortable or see something suspicious get to a trusted adult, or call 911.

🎃 Make sure to have fun, Charlie wants to see all the kids out and about having fun being as safe as possible!

Police Report Comparisons

Below is a comparison of second quarter police reports and first quarter police reports. The third quarter reports were completed between July 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023. The second quarter reports were completed between April 1, 2023 and June 30, 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 3	Quarter 2
Commercial Burglary	3	1
Residential Burglary	1	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	8	24
Retail Theft	49	19
Criminal Damage to Property	36	31
DUI (alcohol and drugs)	18	7

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 463 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**

<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN GARAGE DOOR	<input type="checkbox"/> NEWSPAPERS/MAIL ACCUMULATED
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN DOOR	<input type="checkbox"/> NO VISIBLE ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> UNSECURED DOOR	<input type="checkbox"/> VALUABLES LEFT OUTSIDE
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN SECURITY GATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNSECURED BICYCLE
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN OR BROKEN WINDOW	<input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE UNLOCKED
<input type="checkbox"/> INADEQUATE LOCKS	<input type="checkbox"/> VALUABLES VISIBLE IN VEHICLE
<input type="checkbox"/> POOR OUTSIDE LIGHTING	<input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE ALARM ACTIVATION
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING ALARM ACTIVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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