



Police Beat

SCPD Crime Prevention Newsletter

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The St. Charles Police Department will be posting its 2023 Citizen's Police Academy dates within the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for the citizens of St. Charles to learn about police work. The classes are set up to help educate citizens on what specifically the St. Charles Police Department has to offer, what the department deals with daily, and much more.



During the summer, the Youth Police Academy will once again be offered. The Youth Police Academy is a

week long academy where the kids ranging from 13-17 years old get to experience a wide range of different aspects of law enforcement. The

academy is not only law enforcement specific, the kids get to go to the Fire Department to become CPR certified, visit the court house and experience a mock trial, as well. Be sure to look out for those dates as they will be coming out in the next couple of months.

Every year, the St. Charles Police Department participates in the DEA "drug take back" day. Citizens of St. Charles are able to bring their prescription pills to be dropped off and disposed of safely. Aerosols and liquids will not be accepted. Prescription pet medication will be accepted as well as long as it is in pill form. This has been a very successful event for the Police Department and the DEA. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 29th.

As the new year continues there will be many more events to look forward to. Be sure to watch for those listed above, along with others. The entire St. Charles Police Department wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

If you have any questions about these events, reach out to Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer at 630-443-3894 or MKramer@stcharlesil.gov



City Events



This fall, there were several events that the St. Charles Police Department was happy to participate in.

The first Trunk-or-Treat event with officers was held and it was a great experience for all those who participated in it! Officers were

stationed throughout different parts of the city handing out candy and interacting with families and children who were out enjoying the nice weather.

We were also happy to pair up with the Fire Department for their annual open house. Charlie got to dress up and be a fire fighter for the day while he was there. This was a great event for both the Police and Fire Departments to interact with the citizens and provide educational resources on many different safety topics.



The Electric Holiday Parade had a great turnout with lots of families, as always. There were sixty different floats with many amazing decorations. It was good to see all the families and friends out ready to celebrate the holiday season!

Shop with a Cop



On December 10th, 2022 the St. Charles Police Department partnered with Meijer to host Shop with a Cop. This is a fun event for officers to interact with kids by taking them shopping for Christmas

presents for themselves or others.

This event is held early in the morning on a Saturday in December every year. The kids are provided a breakfast and once they are finished, they get to shop. After the kids pick out their gifts for themselves, or their family members, they then go with the Officers to wrap their gifts.

This year Charlie got to participate in his first Shop with a Cop and was a huge hit with all of the kids!



Scam Awareness



Now that winter is here, don't forget scammers are still out there!

The city of St. Charles has a no soliciting ordinance, which does not always stop people from coming around to homes. With the snowy and cold weather, some common scams we see, are furnace repair, plowing / shoveling, and home repair to help prevent cold and snow from getting into the house.

Keep in mind it is important to always ask for proper identification, proof of insurance or licensing, and a copy of a contract. Try to use companies known to the area, and always get a copy of the contract or receipt for payment. Do not be afraid to turn away people going door-to-door offering services. If need be, call the St. Charles Police Department to report potential scammers in the area.

If you are looking to have work done on your home, be sure to research companies to ensure there are not any scam alerts.

Should you become a victim of a scam, report the incident to the St. Charles Police Department as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about protecting yourself from scams, call or email Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer at 630-443-3894 / MKramer@Stcharlesil.gov



Charlie's Corner

As the weather gets colder, Charlie wants to remind everyone to bring their pets inside. It is illegal to leave a companion animal outside in extreme temperatures that could result in injury or death to them. To learn more about this law check out 510 ILCS 70/3.01.

The city of St. Charles has its own local ordinance for animal cruelty as well. The city ordinance is similar to the Illinois state law in regards to the protection of animal welfare. To learn more about the city's ordinance on animal cruelty, research the ordinance 6.12.110.



Charlie encourages anyone who may see an animal outside in extreme conditions and showing signs of distress to call 911.

Remember, each breed of dog and cat are different so the amount of time for an animal to feel distress from extreme cold varies. Charlie loves all animals and does not want to see any animals suffering from extreme weather conditions.

On a positive note, Charlie is excited to share that he turned two on December 24th! He had a busy first year of being an official member of the police department. Charlie attended many events, went to schools throughout the city, partnered with other police departments at their events, and provided all the love and comfort that he has to offer. Charlie is excited to start the new year to see who else he meets and who else he can bring happiness to.

Police Report Comparisons

Below is a comparison of third quarter police reports and second quarter police reports. The third quarter reports were completed between July 1, 2022—September 30, 2022 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 4	Quarter 3
Commercial Burglary	6	9
Residential Burglary	5	3
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	5	13
Retail Theft	40	39
Criminal Damage to Property	25	36
DUI (alcohol and drugs)	23	24

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 573 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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Commander of Special Services Rich Clark.....	630-443-3721
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