



# Schererville Neighborhood Watch

## *Weekly Report*

**Neighborhood  
Edition**

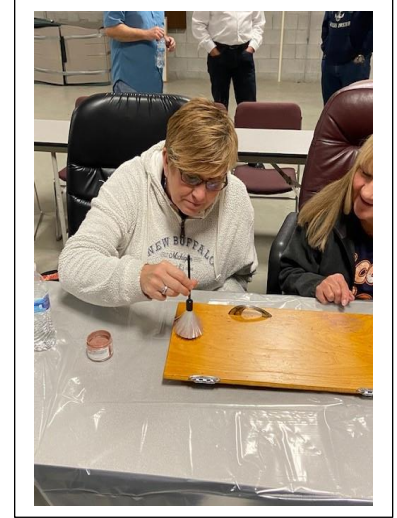
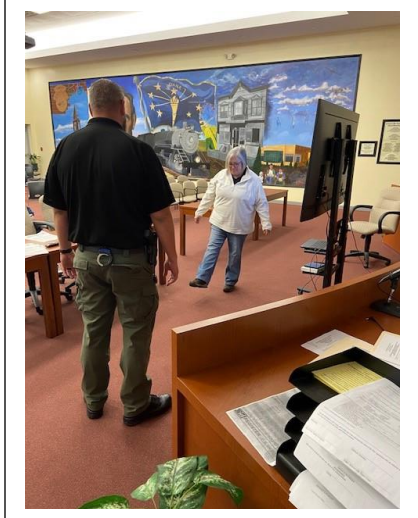
8/28/23 – 9/4/23

Schererville Police Department

25 E. Joliet St. Schererville, IN

Call 911

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### Schererville Police Department Fall 2023 Session

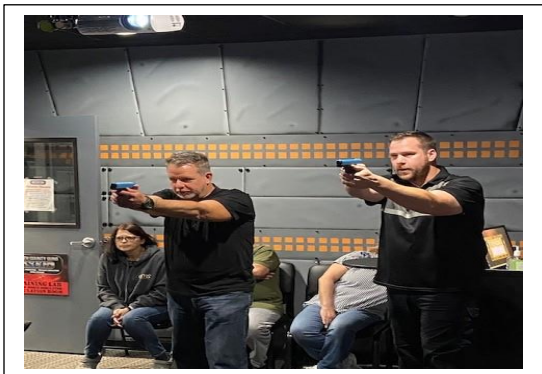
Chief Pete Sormaz and the Schererville Board of Safety are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the next session of the Schererville Citizens Police Academy.

Schererville residents and business owners 18 and older are eligible to apply for the 9 week session. The academy is scheduled to begin Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and will meet Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Class size is limited to 20 students. Applications can be picked up in our records division from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. The deadline for applications is Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5pm.

The academy will offer citizens an opportunity to see how their police department works and what new technologies it has to offer.

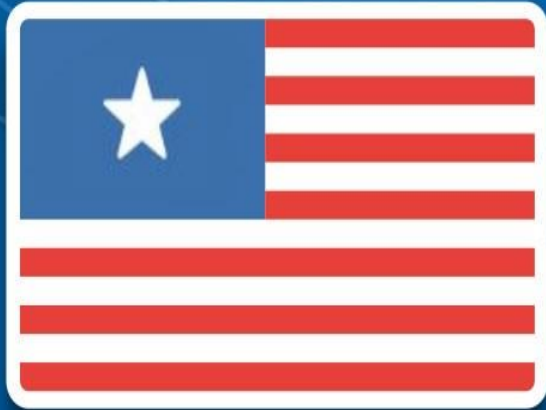
Class curriculum includes topics such as patrol functions, hand held radar training, criminal investigations, accident investigations, DUI Investigations, self-defense, firearms, railway enforcement, and use of force issues, as well as, many other police related subjects.



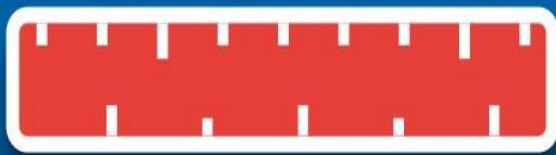
There will also be an opportunity to tour the police facility and discuss current issues such as use of force, pursuit policies and evidence collection.

Once the students of the academy graduate, they become eligible to apply for our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) program. For further information contact Sergeant Timothy Arvanitis at the Schererville Police Department at (219) 322-5000 ext. 2324.

**REMEMBER, PLEASE  IMMEDIATELY TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**



HAPPY



LABOR



DAY



PHONE DOWN ↓ BUCKLE UP ↑

# Labor Day Safety Tips

## Outdoor Activities

- Remember to check weather and water conditions if swimming. As you know, our weather is ever changing.
- Don't forget the sunscreen, even in cooler weather.
- Check your grill before starting the fire, keep watch while cooking, and don't forget to have a working fire extinguisher nearby.



## Travel

- Please do not drink and drive, designate a sober driver.
- Remember to buckle up and stay "hands-free."
- Allow for extra travel time due to increased traffic.





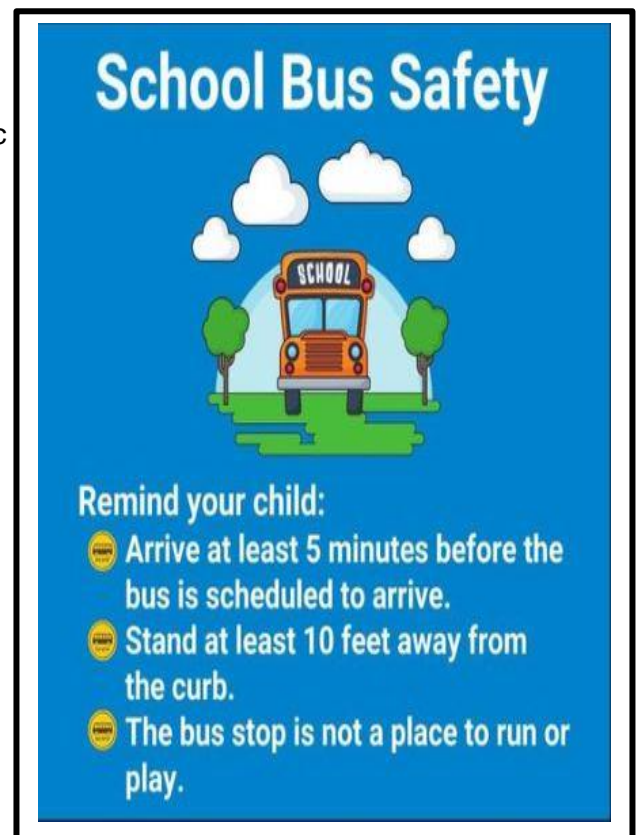
REPORTS

\* **Open garage doors found on the following streets:**

Govert Dr., Queen Eleanor Dr., Gull Dr., Robinhood Blvd., Helena Dr., Krame Dr., Justice Dr., Appletree Dr., Coffman Dr., Buttercup St., Wimbledon Dr., Maid Marion Dr. North, Nottingham Ln., Whitewood Dr., Brooke Ln., Persimmon Dr., Lakeview Dr. Deerpath Dr. West, Canterbury Pl., Pineview Ln., Oxford Cir., Hampton Ct., Chelsea St., Ridge Field Run, Taylor St., 76<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wildflower Way, Gregory St., Foxwood Dr., Homan Dr., Lancaster St., Woodland Dr., 87<sup>th</sup> Ln.,

\* **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – Sorrento Dr, Dispatched to Sorrento Dr. in reference to a suspicious male that was in the area 2 hours earlier. Upon arriving I spoke with the complainant who stated he wanted to document that there was a white or Hispanic male, between the ages of 20 and 30 years old, 5'10", approximately 150 lbs, wearing a white polo and blue jeans walking the neighborhood acting suspiciously. The complainant stated a neighbor also seen that subject the previous day walking around.

\* **SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – Bemis Heights Ave. I responded to the above location for a report of a suspicious incident. Upon arrival I spoke with the R/P who stated that on Tuesday of last week, at approximately 2-3 PM, her husband noticed a female across the street taking pictures of her house. She was described as a white, slim, female, with dark hair and wearing sunglasses. She got into the passenger seat of a large gray SUV and left. On Saturday at approximately 8:30 PM, the R/P noticed a similar looking female taking more pictures and get into the same SUV. The R/P was unable to get a license plate, but requests extra patrol in the area. I advised her to call the non-emergency number if she observes the female or SUV again.



\* **SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE** – Robinhood Blvd - I responded to a report of a vehicle regularly throwing garbage into the caller's yard. Upon arrival I spoke with the caller who advised a silver 4 door, possibly Honda or Nissan, regularly drives by their house and tosses garbage varying from empty chip bags, old food, or dog waste. They do not know who the driver is or the license plate.

\* **RECKLESS DRIVING** – Prairie Rose In ad Burr St. - Report of vehicles drag racing. Upon my arrival I locate 3 vehicles in Canyon Creek that were parked and unoccupied. I informed the four persons that I located of the complaint and they left the area.



- \* **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** - I was dispatched to Fairview Lane in reference to a criminal mischief report. Upon arrival, I made contact with the victim/reporting person who stated that on today's date (9-3-23) at about 1:34 AM, an unknown person threw a rock through the front window located on the north side of his residence. He stated that he quickly exited his house and did not see anyone outside.
- \* **THEFT FROM VEHICLE** – Prairie Rose Dr - I spoke with the victim's, who stated that her husband had woken up to go golfing today (9/3), and when he went to his vehicle, he observed that items inside had been moved. The items were thrown about and appeared to have "been rummaged through". He began to check through his things and at the time of this report only noticed that his wallet was missing. They then began receiving alerts from their bank warning them about potential fraud. When they checked their account, they observed several attempts to send \$100.00 to a separate account. The bank stopped all attempts except for one, which went through successfully and was taken from their account. The couple stated the vehicle was not broken into, but was left unlocked overnight.
- \* **VEHICLE TRESSPASS** – Sienna St., - Unlocked vehicle entered, nothing taken.
- \* **VEHICLE TRESSPASS** – Burr Ridge Circle - Unlocked vehicle entered, nothing taken
- \* **THEFT FROM VEHICLE** – Sapphire Way- Officers were already in the area checking vehicles due to numerous vehicles being broken into throughout the subdivision. I was flagged down by a few subjects standing in front of 8712 Sapphire Way, who advised me that their three vehicles which were parked in their driveway had all been broken into. The resident advised his black Lincoln MKZ was broken into, and that his handgun was stolen from inside the center console of the vehicle. Stolen was one Sig Sauer P226 (loaded), black in color. Another resident advised his silver Mercedes C300 was broken into, and that his handgun was stolen from inside the center console. Stolen was one HK VP9, black in color. A third resident advised his white 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee was broken into, and that his handgun was stolen from inside the center console.
- \* **VEHICLE TRESSPASS** – Sapphire Way – Unlocked vehicle entered. Nothing taken.
- \* **VEHICLE TRESSPASS** – Onyx Pl. Unlocked vehicle entered. Nothing taken.
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#### ARRESTS

- \* Chrisjon Coran: Possession of Cocaine IC~ 35-48-4-6(a) Felony Level 6, Possession of Paraphernalia IC 35-48-8.3(b)(1) Misdemeanor Class C
- \* Shayla Harrell - Possession of Cocaine IC~ 35-48-4-6(a) Felony Level 6
- \* Deja La Nae Payne, 21 - Driving While Suspended-Misdemeanor (IC 9-24-19-3) Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Naylan Abegg 19 YOA - Theft - IC 35-43-4-2 - Class A Misdemeanor





- \* Madison A. Plebanski; 27 YOA - Theft - Shoplifting I.C. 35-43-4-2(a) - A Misdemeanor.
- \* Janessa Chanise Burkes, 31- Driving While Suspended-Prior (IC 9-24-19-2) Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Lorne Eugene Norington Jr, 30 - Possession of Marijuana (IC 35-48-4-11) Class B Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3) Class C Misdemeanor
- \* Christopher T Loar, 26 - Altered interim plate - 9-32-6-13 - C Misdemeanor
- \* Kevin Scott Rodriguez; 37 years old - Possession of a Narcotic Drug - IC: 35-48-4-6, Possession of a Controlled Substance IC: 35-48-4-7(c)(2), Violation of Driving Conditions IC: 9-30-16-5(a)
- \* Terrence Dale Kramer II - 30 YOA - Driving While Suspended-Prior (IC 9-24-19-2)- Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Alec Joseph Zima | 30 - Possession of Paraphernalia IC 35-48-4-8.3(b)(1) Class C Misdemeanor
- \* Donna Sosa // age 52 - IC 9-24-18-1 - OPERATION OF VEHICLE BY UNLICENSED DRIVER IC 9-30-4-8 - OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITH SUSPENDED REGISTRATION
- \* Angel Ray Lamberth, 18 - Operator Never Licensed (IC 9-24-18-1) Class C Misdemeanor, Possession of Paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.3)- Class C Misdemeanor
- \* Melanie Layton Age: 46 - 35-43-2-2(b)(1) Crim Trespass - Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Corrinthia Harris 35YOA – Driving While Suspended-Prior
- \* Tyler Justin Wittkowske. 29 years old. OWI Prior (IC 9-30-5-3) level 6 felony, OWI endangering (IC 9-30-5-2) class A misdemeanor, OWI (IC 9-30-5-2) class C misdemeanor, OWI above .08 (IC 9-30-5-1) class C misdemeanor
- \* Julia Lee Macias, 26 - DWS Prior - IC 9-24-19-2 - A Misdemeanor
- \* Luis Tovar-Tello 31 year old - IC 9-24-19-2 - Driving While Suspended Prior
- \* Brandon Bernard Kluth. 23 years old. Possession of controlled substance (IC 35-48-4-7) class A misdemeanor, Possession of paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-11) class B misdemeanor.
- \* Kendall Skinner // age 26 IC 35-48-4-7 - POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, IC 35-48-4-8.3(b)(1) - POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA
- \* Luke Dakota Romer // 23 YOA - DWS- Prior // 9-24-19-3(a) // Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Daniel Johnson III 27 YOA Operating Veh. W/ Suspended Registration IC 9-30-4-8 Misdemeanor Class~C
- \* Hannah Bougher // 26 YOA - DWS-Prior // 9-24-19-3(a) // Class A Misdemeanor
- \* Luis Ayala 52 YOA OWI- W/Prior - IC 9-30-5-3(1) - Felony 6, OWI - Endangering a Person - IC 9-30-5-2(b) – Class A Misdemeanor, OWI - BAC Greater Than .15 - IC 9-30-5-1(b) - Class A Misdemeanor, Operating While Intoxicated - IC 9-30-5-2(a) - Class C Misdemeanor
- \* Joshua Joyce Resisting Law Enforcement IC-35-44.1-3-1
- \* Anthony Winters Resisting Law Enforcement/vehicle IC-35-44.1-3-1, Resisitng Law Enforcement IC-35-44.1-3-1, Reckless Driving IC-9-21-8-52



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## **Ordinance of the Week:**

### **Sec. 6-22 Animal Waste and Disposition.**

a. The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal(s) on public walks, recreation areas, or private property.

b. The owner of any dead animal shall remove and properly dispose of the animal within 24 hours after its death. The real property owner is responsible for the removal of any strange carcass on such real property.

c. Schererville Animal Control will humanely euthanize an animal(s) for a fee of \$20.00, which includes disposal. This fee will be collected by the Animal Control Officer and receipted at the Town Clerk's Office under the Donation fund. The following conditions must apply:

1. Animal(s) must be ill or have a severe health problem; or
2. Animal must be aggressive to the extent of being considered unadoptable; and
3. The owner must be a resident of the Town.

d. Animal(s) surrendered by the owner to Schererville Animal Control for adoption or disposal must meet the following criteria:

1. Owner shall be a resident of Schererville;
2. Animal(s) shall appear healthy with no visible signs of aggression;
3. Shelter must have available space to house the animal(s).

**(Ord. No. 1549, § 12, 1-23-02; Ord. No. 1626, § 5, 10-13-04; Ord. No. 1652, § 2, 8-10-05)**



For more information about our community policing programs, please call (219) 322-5000