

# Washington County Sheriff's Office

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



**Fred Newman, Sheriff**

276-676-6000

276-669-7134

**Captain Blake Andis**

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
neighborhoodwatch@washso.org

Toll Free 1-888-461-0414

*"Take the Time to Prevent a Crime"*

Volume 9, Issue 10

October 2009

### Statistics for August

ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	27
BAD CHECKS	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	17
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	3
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	11
DUI	10
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	15
DRUNKENNESS	12
FALSE PRETENSE	2
IMPERSONATION	2
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	42
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1
SHOPLIFTING	21
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	7
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	80
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>169 ADULTS 2 JUVENILE</b>
<b>TOTAL WARRANTS</b>	<b>2243 CIVIL 437 CRIMINAL</b>

### SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

This month's Neighborhood Watch newsletter topic is relating to drug houses and ways to prevent them from happening in your neighborhood.

How do you know a residence is a drug house? What are the warning signs of drug activity? What can a citizen do to help prevent them from being in their neighborhoods?

There are steps every citizen of Washington County can take to help stop this. We need to be more observant to our surroundings, know our neighbors. If we see something that is different from usual take note of it, write down tag numbers, times these occurrences happen, information about the people involved.

By working together, we can make a difference in our communities. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office. *Sheriff Fred Newman*

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

10-06	HIGH POINT/ High Point E. S.	7PM
10-05	BURSONS CORNER Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
10-20	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
10-15	ZION COMMUNITY/Zion Church	7PM
10-19	MELVIN HILLS Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
10-27	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
10-22	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM

### Quarterly Meeting Schedule

12-01	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
12-03	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7PM
12-07	CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
12-08	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
12-10	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
12-12	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	5PM
12-14	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING 110 Town Square, Glade Spring	7PM
12-15	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
12-17	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
12-21	WYNDAL COMMUNITY Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
12-28	GREEN SPRINGS/CLEVELAND/ HARBOR LIGHT COMMUNITY Cleveland Community Center	7PM

**Reminder:** If schools are closed due to weather, contact your coordinator for last minute changes on your meeting.

**Meeting Topic**  
**Drug Houses**

## Do you have a drug house in your neighborhood?

Drug houses don't just happen in other neighborhoods. There are drug houses in all types of neighborhoods. Four things make a drug house:

- Product
- Buyer
- Seller
- Location

Most neighborhoods have very little control over Product, Buyer, or Seller. Drug dealers look for Locations where neighbors do not communicate and isolate themselves. This makes it easy to intimidate those neighbors that do notice drug activity. Drug dealers like neighborhoods that say, "It can't happen here."

Money is a key element for the drug dealer. If they establish a drug house in a neighborhood where kids and adults have money to buy drugs, business will thrive.

## What are the warning signs of drug activity in the neighborhood?

Do these sound familiar?

- Excessive foot traffic to and from a house or property.
- Loitering in or around a house
- Frequent and unusual traffic patterns such as: Stop - Enter - Leave
- Traffic frequently stops and a resident comes out and talks briefly with occupants of car
- Threats of intimidation connected to a residence
- Open exchange of drugs and money
- Gang activity in the neighborhood
- Graffiti on structures in the area
- Sudden increase in criminal activity

## Prevention is the best way to stop drug houses!

You can reduce the chance that a drug house moves into your neighborhood. Know your neighbors. Meet and know your Law Enforcement Officers. As problems develop in the neighborhood, work with law enforcement to resolve them quickly.

## What should you do if there is a drug house in your neighborhood?

One of the tools of the drug dealer is intimidation. There is safety in numbers.

- Log all activity connected to the suspected drug house.
- Talk to your area Law Enforcement Agency and give the information from your log to them.
- Speak with property owners about problems that the tenants are causing for the neighbors. If you are having problems, the property owner is probably having problems too.
- Report all problems to the appropriate agencies.

## Chaplains Corner

A story is told about an African safari a young man was on where he saw an old momma giraffe taking care of her offspring. Shortly after he was born, she went over & kicked her offspring, & it looked like she was really hurting her baby. Then she did it again. Each time, the little giraffe would get up on his wobbly legs & try to walk. Still she continued kicking him. Finally, he got up pretty rapidly & ran away from her kicks. Phil turned to his guide & asked, "Why does the mother giraffe do that?" The guide answered, "The only defense the giraffe has is its ability to get up quickly and to out run its predator. If it can't do that, it will soon become prey to a predator." The young man commented, "It really looks like it hurts". But in actuality the temporary difficulty is for the long term benefit of its receiver. Much like our difficult times, they are there to make us better in the long run, and to keep us from falling prey to a predator.

*"He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him, and honor him."*

Psalm 91:15

Erik Hinchey <>

Chaplain WCSO