

Washington County Sheriff's Office

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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"Take the Time to Prevent a Crime"

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Statistics for April

ASSAULT (SIMPLE)	19
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	11
CREDITCARD FRAUD	3
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	29
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	10
DRUNKENNESS	8
DUI	5
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	1
IMPERSONATION	4
LARCENY (ALL OTHER)	43
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	5
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6
SHOPLIFTING	10
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	3
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	6
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	74
TOTAL OFFENSES	239
TOTAL ARRESTS	122 ADULTS 14 JUVENILE
TOTAL WARRANTS	1528 CIVIL 378 CRIMINAL

Sheriff's Message

Our Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is made up of a total of seven detectives and one Lieutenant. Our agency has two narcotic detectives, one domestic violence detective, and four general detectives.

The responsibilities of the CID are varied. They work every kind of case imaginable from suicides, computer crimes, to breaking and entering. They obtain cases from other jurisdictions, from victims that come in to the office to report the crimes, cases that have been referred to them from the patrol division, they also assist the patrol deputy with working crime scenes. These cases will usually take an extended amount of time to solve or may fall under a specialty case such as having to travel outside of our jurisdiction. Each detective has received extensive training and specialize in particular areas of investigations. If you have any questions or concerns contact our office. **Thanks Sheriff Newman**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

06-04	BURSON CORNER Goodson-Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
06-07	MENDOTA/Mendota Community Center	7:30 PM
06-26	HAYTERS GAP Hayter's Gap Community Center	10:30AM
09-04	HIGH POINT High Point Elementary School	7PM
06-19	HIGHLANDER PARK Noonkester Field Park	7PM
06-28	KONNAROCK Konnarock Community Center	7PM
06-21	ZION COMMUNITY Zion Church	7PM

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

06 -04	CLAYMAN VALLEY Goodson Kinderhook Fire Department	7PM
06-05	EAGLE RIDGE/ High Point ES	7PM
06-14	QUAIL RIDGE/Ely Residence	7PM
06-11	CROWEVILLE /GLADE SPRING	7PM
06-12	HAYTERS GAP EVENING GROUP Clinch Mountain Fire Dept.	7PM
06-21	RAMBLEWOOD/WIDENER'S VALLEY/ Zion Church	7PM
06-19	MELVIN HILLS/ OAK HILL ESTATES Pleasant View Methodist Church	7PM
06-20	EVERGREEN HILLS/LOWRY HILLS Noonkester Field Park	7PM
07-10	WOODLAND HILLS Woodland Hills Christian Church	7PM
07-12	GATE CITY HIGHWAY Three Springs Methodist	7PM
Fall	WORTHINGTON WAY Worthington Way Road	7PM

Criminal Investigations

Criminal Investigation Division

Thanks Sheriff Newman

Detectives play an important role within our Sheriff's Office. They respond to major crime scenes, investigate serious felony cases and assist the Patrol Division with other investigations. The detectives have specialized training in areas of forensic science, evidence collection, interrogation and interviewing techniques. Our Narcotics Investigative Unit and Domestic Violence Detective are assigned to the (CID) Criminal Investigations Division. The Criminal Records Clerk is assigned to this division and maintains criminal records and assists in crime analysis. To date our detectives have worked over 225 criminal cases. They have recovered thousands of dollars worth of stolen property such as firearms, automobiles, jewelry, and electronics. They have broken up five organized theft rings that plagued our county at times. Criminal investigations also have a computer crimes detective that has done as least fifty in depth forensic exams on many computers and cell phones not only for our agency but a myriad of federal, state and local agencies all around our region. In addition to forensic examinations our Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) task force has taken down several local child predators in this county as well as aiding surrounding counties with such investigations. The detectives are constantly working on solving cases, with more cases added to them each day, their job is never ending. There is a detective on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Many times they get called out at night, and on holidays and weekends. Criminal investigative work sounds exciting and interesting. There certainly can be plenty of both those elements associated with it. There are some other words that describe the life of a criminal investigator their jobs can be frustrating, exhausting, difficult, and ultimately rewarding. Detectives must be thoroughly familiar with crimes and the elements of each offense. They must know the law and the extent of their legal authority. Detectives must be part psychologist, part scientist, part physic, part philosopher. They must be very objective, not judgmental, and have a strong sense of duty and belief in the "social contract. Other aspects of their job entail conducting raids, surveillances, stakeouts, and undercover assignments, and testifying in court. Effective criminal investigators obtain and retain information; apply technical knowledge; and remain open minded, and logical. They are also culturally adroit and skilled in interacting across gender, ethnic generational, social, and political group

lines. They must be emotionally well balanced, detached, inquisitive, suspecting, discerning, self-disciplined, and persevering. Additionally, they must have good vision, acute hearing, and a high energy level. During the preliminary investigation, criminal investigators measure, photograph, videotape, and sketch the scene. They then proceed to search for evidence. If the Detectives find physical evidence, they identify, collect, examine, and process it. Victims, witnesses, and suspects are questioned, and statements and observations are recorded in notes. Following are the steps in the investigative process: Determine if a crime has been committed. Verify jurisdiction. Discover all facts and collect physical evidence. Recover stolen property. Identify the perpetrator or perpetrators. Locate and apprehend perpetrators. Aid the prosecution by providing evidence of guilt. It is not enough to just collect and analyze evidence. Investigators need to apply the logic of reasoning or the methodology of scientific research investigation. They need what can only be called working theories, which are sufficiently flexible to allow for new information while still demonstrating clear patterns of inference or cause and effect. Not everybody is qualified to work in this field. Criminal investigation is a complex, sophisticated field; it takes a special person to be a Detective.

Chaplain's Corner

When a person is right with God they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on others, but when they are not, they more likely to be easy on themselves and hard on others. This quote was used in a recent message that was delivered to a local church. It was followed with this common question: Are you where you should be? All of us get lost. Depending on where you live, you may find yourself lost more often than not. Sometimes spiritually we can feel lost too. Whether it's a broken relationship, a lost job, or just a general sense of spiritual disorientation, these times come for all of us. It's the feeling that our lives and the world we live in should be perfect, yet they are somehow broken. Jesus is aware that we feel that way and even says in Luke 19:10 that it was his mission on earth to help people who are lost. Jesus cared so much about helping others, yet for us other people often take a back seat to our own interests. Let us make an effort to keep our hearts in line with Christ's, and our relationships, our friendships, and our overall life focus will benefit.

**In His Grip
Erik Hinchey
WCSO Chaplain**