

Crime Prevention

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood watch teaches residents what to watch out for within their neighborhoods, and helps forge a good relationship between the Police Department and residents. Working together, residents and the Police Department exchange information to further our shared goal of having safe neighborhoods for all residents.

PARK WATCH

In conjunction with the Recreation Department, an Officer meets with neighborhood groups who live around a public park to teach about crime related matters and what the residents can look out for to keep the park safe.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

To enhance the safety and quality of life in the neighborhoods, an Ordinance has been adopted to control police calls for service at rental properties.

HOME SECURITY SURVEYS

Our Certified Crime Prevention Officer, by appointment, will conduct on site security surveys of a resident's home and premise. Weaknesses in home security are identified, and cost effective corrections are recommended.

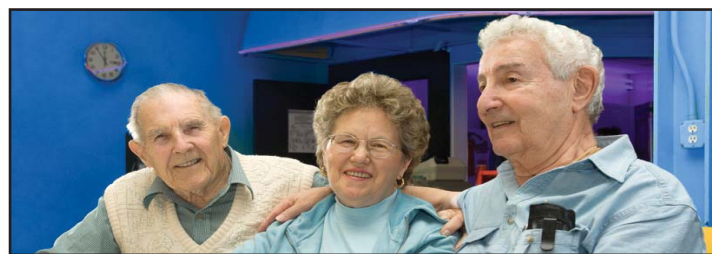
VACATION CHECKS

The Department offers a vacation check service for Village residents. If a resident goes away on vacation a police officer will check their home up to make sure it remains secure. A form must be filled out at the Police Department prior to departure.

Programs for Seniors

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL (TRIAD)

Meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center. This program is open to any senior who wants to talk about crime prevention tips for seniors.



SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

The program assists residents who suffer from a physical/mental disability who become lost. A database has been created containing a photograph and personal information of the individual. A patrol officer can take a digital photo of the person and transmit it to dispatch. This photo can then be matched to the database. This will allow prompt identification of the individual and reunite the person with their family.

SENIOR CITIZEN EDUCATION

This year the department has held several classes which were well attended by the Senior Citizens within the community. Topics included elder abuse, home repair fraud, identity theft and cons against the elderly.

Liquor control

TRAINING FOR INTERVENTION PROCEDURES (TIPS)

Instructions for businesses with liquor licenses on their social, moral, and legal responsibilities in regards to the serving of alcoholic beverages.

Village of
Romeoville

Police Department



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

The Romeoville Police Department is dedicated to serving our community and enhancing the quality of life. Community oriented policing provides a philosophy and sets a direction of community involvement and participation.

The Police Department consists of a patrol, detective, traffic, records, code enforcement, and community oriented policing divisions. The Department has an enhanced 911 communication center and also provides animal control. Sixty-nine full-time officers are under the direction of the Chief of Police, Andrew J. Barto.

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Specialized Patrol

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE PATROL

ATV patrol focuses on construction sites within the Village as well as wooded areas and any other area not accessible by patrol car.

PERMANENT ZONE ASSIGNMENTS

Several years ago, the department enacted permanent zone assignments for Patrol Officers. This was done to enhance officer familiarity with their zone assignments, and to take "ownership" of their assigned areas in the reduction of crime and problem solving.

K-9 UNIT

The Department utilizes a trained K-9 unit in its patrol function. The K-9 is trained to detect various narcotics, the tracking of missing people and handler protection.

TACTICAL UNIT

Two Officers are assigned full time to a patrol tactical unit. This unit is assigned to work on the street and their primary focus is activity related to guns, gangs and drugs.



Programs for School Age Children

CHARACTER COUNTS

Character Counts is a nationwide program that educates children of all ages in the six pillars of good character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship.



DRUG AWARENESS AND RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE)

This program is taught to middle school students attending A. Vito Martinez, Lukancic, and St. Andrews.

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM

For many years a full time officer has been assigned to Romeoville High School during the school year. This Liaison Officer handles police matters that occur within the school.

GANG RESISTANCE AND EDUCATION TRAINING (GREAT)

This class will be offered to 7th graders at A. Vito Martinez, Lukancic and St. Andrews schools during the school year. Students are educated in the dangers of joining street gangs. They are also advised on constructive ways for children to resist the pressure to join a gang.

SAFETY TOWN

Child Safety Courses are given at Safety Town in areas such as Stranger Danger, Bicycle Safety, and Pedestrian Safety. This instruction is available to all youth groups in the community. Annual Stranger Danger classes are offered in the elementary schools.



TRAFFIC EDUCATION

The Department has three full time Officers assigned specifically to traffic related matters. In addition to handling motor vehicle accidents within the Village, this unit also teaches classes at the Romeoville High School Drivers Education program. These classes focus on safe driving and teaches students about the dangers of drunk driving. A mock accident scene is also staged using heavily damaged motor vehicles and volunteers who give a convincing demonstration of a severe motor vehicle accident.

Family Services

SOCIAL SERVICES

The department offers no cost counseling to residents regarding marital issues, domestic violence, depression, anger management, and parent/child relationships. We offer a full time licensed clinical social worker on staff. All documented reports of domestic violence are followed up by this Social Worker from a social services perspective.



Safety Programs

PROJECT CHILDSAFE

Funded by a federal grant, free gunlocks are given away to residents who request them. A waiver is signed by the resident. This program was adopted to reduce the number of children killed each year by accidental firearm discharges.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Our trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will assist residents in the installation of child safety seats.



Citizens Police Academy

The Department holds a Citizen Police Academy. The purpose of this class is to educate the public on the mission, purpose and goals of the Police Department.



Through classroom and hands on training, members of the public are taught basic police concepts and procedures. This class meets once a week for 12 weeks. Previous class attendees have organized the Citizens Police Academy Alumni which meets monthly, and assists the Department at special functions.