

FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

As we head into spring I'd like to remind you remain vigilant in our efforts to watch out for each other. As the weather turns warmer more people will begin their annual yard beautification projects by spending hours at a time working in their yards. What a perfect time to stop by, introduce yourself, and say hello to a neighbor.

I know we all have busy schedules but we must take the time to get acquainted with our neighbors.

Taking the time now to get to know your neighbor could help prevent your household from being a victim of a crime later.

By establishing a network of concerned neighbors willing to watch out for each others property, you greatly reduce the risk of criminal activity getting a foothold in your neighborhood.

If you're working outside don't forget to keep garage doors closed, especially if you're in a portion of your yard working where you can't see your open garage door. It only take a minute for someone to walk up your driveway, enter your garage, and walk away with valuable garden or mechanic tools.

Your home security starts with you. Please make sure to lock all door and windows before leaving the house. Investing a few dol-



lars in good locks, including deadbolts for the doors, could save you money down the road.

Have a safe spring, enjoy the outdoors, and let's keep a watch on our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,
William Karabas,
Chief of Police

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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING SET FOR MARCH AND APRIL

The next NW meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th, 6:30 P.M., at the Florissant Police Department.

A Florissant dispatcher will be present to explain the responsibilities and duties of the Communications Unit.

We hope this will give our NW members a better understanding of how the system works and the importance of reporting as much information as possible at the time someone is reporting a crime in progress or suspicious activity.

April's meeting is scheduled for Monday, the 20th, 6:30 P.M., at the Florissant Police Department. The topic will be the Bureau of Investigation. We will have a Detective from speak about their duties and responsibilities.

HOME SECURITY—INVEST IN IT NOW

Making your home safe from crime doesn't always mean having to install expensive alarms—effective home security starts with properly locked doors and windows and visible, well-lighted entryways.

EXTERIOR DOORS: All exterior doors should be either metal or solid wood. For added security, use strong door hinges on the inside of the door, with non-removable or hidden pins. Every entry door should be well-lighted and have a wide-angle door viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

LOCKS: Strong, reliable locks are essential to effective home security. Always keep doors and windows locked. Every five-minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your

home.

Use quality keyed knobs as well as deadbolt locks. Quality deadbolts can withstand the twisting, turning, prying, and pounding that regular keyed knobs can't.

When choosing a deadbolt, look for such features as a bolt that extends as least one inch when in the locked position, to resist ramming and kicking; hardened steel inserts to prevent the bolt from being sawed off, and a reinforced strike plate with extra-long mounting screws to anchor the lock effectively.

Most deadbolts are single-cylinder; they operate from the outside with a key and from the inside with a thumb latch. Double-cylinder deadbolts require a key

to open the lock from both outside and inside your home. These locks are especially effective for doors with glass within 40 inches of the lock. An intruder could break the glass but not be able to unlock the door. (Make sure you check with your local Fire Marshall for city Building Inspector for code restrictions.)

SLIDING GLASS DOORS: Sliding glass doors can offer easy entry into your home. To improve security on existing sliding glass doors, you can install keyed locking devices that secure the door to the frame; adjust the track clearances on the doors so they can't be pushed out of their tracks; or put a piece of wood or a metal bar in the track of the closed door to prevent the door from opening even if the lock is jimmied or removed.

WINDOWS: Most standard double-hung windows have thumb-turn locks between the two window panels. Don't rely on these, they can be pried open or easily reached through a broken pane. Instead, install keyed locking devices to prevent the window from being raised from the outside, but make sure everyone in the house knows where to find the keys in case of an emergency. Some jurisdictions have restrictions on this type of lock. Check with your local government agencies before you install them.

An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top of the frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. The insert a nail or eyebolt. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with the window partly open so you can have ventilation without intruders.

(This is reproduced from the National Crime Prevention Council crime prevention brochure; "Home Security—Invest In It Now.")

Vehicles Broken Into—January 2009

There were 26 reports of vehicles being broken into during the month of January 2009. Please remember to remove all valuables for your car overnight, especially GPS systems, and make sure all doors are locked.

01/02/09 700 blk N Hwy 67	01/04/09 1st blk Grandview Plaza
01/05/09 2700 blk N Hwy 67	01/05/09 700 blk St Catherine
01/07/09 100 blk Flower Valley	01/08/09 200 blk Palomino
01/10/09 1800 blk Dunn Rd	01/12/09 2500 blk Soundview Ct
01/13/09 Trotterway/Hackney	01/13/09 900 blk Dewayne Dr
01/15/09 8400 blk N Lindbergh	01/15/09 300 blk Dunn Rd
01/16/09 1st blk Dunn Rd	01/16/09 200 blk S New Florissant Rd
01/16/09 13700 blk New Halls Ferry	01/16/09 2300 blk N Hwy 67
01/18/09 600 blk N New Florissant	01/19/09 8200 blk New Halls Ferry
01/19/09 700 blk Mescalero	01/20/09 800 blk Florland Dr
01/21/09 1000 blk Bellarmine Ln	01/21/09 1900 blk Thunderbird
01/25/09 1st blk Civic Center Dr	01/25/09 1st blk Civic Center Dr
01/26/09 4500 blk Washington	01/30/09 700 blk Kostka Ln

JANUARY 2009 CRIME REPORT
(Final statistics are still being calculated.)

There were no Homicides during the month of January.

There was 1 Robbery in the month of January.

01/08/09 100 blk S. New Florissant
 1 Robbery was committed with a firearm/knife/other dangerous weapon was implied or displayed,
 0 Robberies were a Strong Arm type.

There were 0 Rapes-Attempts reported in the month of January.

There were been 23 Burglaries during the month of January. (Includes 3 Attempt Burglaries)

22 Residential Burglaries

01/01/09 100 blk Calbreath Ct	Forced entry	01/02/09 2600 blk Mullanphy	Unlawful entry
01/04/09 1800 blk Nottinghill Row	Unlawful entry	01/05/09 1000 blk Harrison St	Unlawful entry
01/06/09 1000 blk Flora Ln	Forced entry	01/06/09 1800 blk Nottinghill Row	Forced entry
01/07/09 2500 blk Charbonier	Unlawful entry	01/07/09 600 blk St. Marie St	<i>Attempt only</i>
01/08/09 700 blk St. Anthony Ln	Forced entry	01/08/09 700 blk Derhake Rd	Forced entry
01/08/09 100 blk Grenoble Ln	Forced entry	01/09/09 1100 blk Penhurst Dr	Forced entry
01/10/09 2000 blk Lindsay Ln	Forced entry	01/13/09 2100 blk Flordawn Dr	Forced entry
01/13/09 600 blk Summerun	Forced entry	01/13/09 2200 blk Flordawn Dr	Forced entry
01/17/09 1000 blk Rodgers	Unlawful entry	01/18/09 400 blk Myrtle Dr	Forced entry
01/18/09 1600 blk Willow Wren Ct	Forced entry	01/21/09 13800 blk New Halls Ferry	Forced entry
01/23/09 3700 blk Cranberry Ct	<i>Attempt only</i>	01/24/09 2200 Flordawn Dr	<i>Attempt only</i>

1 Business Burglary

01/03/09 1st blk Country Club Ct Forced entry

Vehicle Thefts: 25 Motor vehicles have been reported stolen during the month of January. (Includes Attempt Auto Thefts, counted as Auto Thefts for UCR purposes)

01/05/09 500 blk Moule Dr	01/06/09 2700 blk Radcliff Dr	01/07/09 300 blk Versailles Dr
01/07/09 1100 blk Fifth Plaza	01/07/09 800 blk Shirlene Dr	01/09/09 500 blk Angelus Dr
01/10/09 1st blk Country Ln	01/13/09 2400 blk Jenkee	01/13/09 800 blk Thompson Dr
01/13/09 900 blk Charbonier Rd	01/13/09 2000 blk Carefree Ln	01/14/09 100 blk St Pierre St
01/15/09 1st blk La Harve Circle	01/16/09 500 blk Rancho Ln	01/16/09 3200 blk Huckleberry Dr
01/19/09 1st blk La Sierra Dr	01/19/09 3200 blk Cross Keys Dr	01/19/09 1000 blk Loekes Dr
01/23/09 3400 blk N Hwy 67	01/24/09 2700 blk N. Highway 67	01/26/09 1900 blk Charbonier Rd
01/26/09 2100 blk Argo Dr	01/26/09 1600 blk Shackelford Rd	01/28/09 500 blk Versailles Dr
01/31/09 3200 blk Cross Keys Dr		

These number may not reflect the final numbers for the entire month)



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MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism."

Citizen Interaction

We recognize our community-policing role as a partnership with the Citizens of Florissant. We need and encourage the participation of every citizen in solving problems and improving the quality of life for our community.

Integrity

In order to achieve public trust and build upon our community partnership, we demand the highest level of integrity in ourselves. Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright, and sincere

Fairness

We are committed to upholding the law in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner. We serve every member of our community equally, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or social status.

Professionalism

In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Here are a few suggestions from the National Sheriff's Association of what to look for when you conduct a home security checklist.

ENTRANCE:

- Is the door made of metal or solid wood construction?
- Is the doorframe strong and tight enough to prevent forcing?
- Are the door hinges protected from removal from outside?
- Is the door secured by a deadbolt with a minimum 1-inch throw?
- Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?
- If there are now windows in the door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom system?
- Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, deliver port, or a pet entrance at the doorway?
- Is there a screen or storm door lock?
- Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from the street or public areas?

GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS:

- Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?
- Do windows open onto areas that offer special risk to burglary?
- Are exterior windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?

- Is exterior adequately lighted at all window area?

BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS:

- Is the basement door adequately secured for an exterior door?
- Are the basement door or windows concealed from the street or neighbors?
- Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?

By taking a few minutes to conduct a home security survey you could greatly reduce the risk of becoming the target of a burglar. Remember, any preventative measures you take to increase the risk of a burglar being detected can remove the element of OPPORTUNITY for the criminal.