

# FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

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### THE CHIEF'S CORNER

I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our Neighborhood Watch members for assisting us with keeping Florissant a safe city. Because of our combined efforts crime continues to be on the decrease.

We need our citizens to take an active role in keeping their neighborhoods safe and free from crime. I am asking for your continued help and support of the Neighborhood Watch program.

An important component of the Neighborhood Watch program is the role of a block captain. That is the person who steps forward and volunteers to get their neighborhood together to

combat criminal activity.

We are always looking for those willing to volunteer and take a role as a block captain for their neighborhood.

You will receive training from our department on your role and duties as a block captain. In addition, our Public Information Officer will provide you with information on criminal activity in your neighborhood that you can pass along to your group.

A block captain serves an important role in keeping their neighbors informed as well as passing along concerns to the police department from their group.

The Neighborhood Watch



program is one of the most productive and cooperative projects the department participates in with the citizens of Florissant. Please help us help you, sign up today to become a Neighborhood Watch block captain.

Sincerely,  
William Karabas,  
Chief of Police

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### NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

#### Please note:

The next NW meeting will be **Monday, September 20th**, 6:30 P.M., at the Florissant Police Department.

We'll be discussing;

- recent crime trends
- crime rates since the beginning of the year
- "Meet Your Neighbor Night, October 5th

October's meeting is the

18th, 6:30 PM at the police department.



## FLORISSANT CRIME RATE CONTINUES TO DECREASE IN 2010

Florissant has experienced a steady decrease most crime categories for the first seven months of this year. There has been a decrease on 139 Part I Crimes, and Part II Crimes are down by 65 reports for a combined total decrease of 204 reports.

Part I Crime include Homicide, Rape/ Attempted Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assaults (Weapon used or serious physi-

cal injury), Burglary (Residential/ Commercial), Stealing, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Part II Crimes include Simple Assault, Property Damage and Sex Offenses (excluding Rape).

A few categories had significant decreases as compared to the same time period for 2009 (January-July). Robberies are down by 14 incidents, Both Residential Burglaries are down by 31 re-

ports, Motor Vehicle Thefts decreased by 8 reports and Stealing was down by 87 reports.

Assaults were up slightly with Aggravated Assaults up by six reports and Simple Assaults increased by thirteen reports. Sex Offenses reports, which exclude Rape/Attempted Rape, saw an increase of three reports.

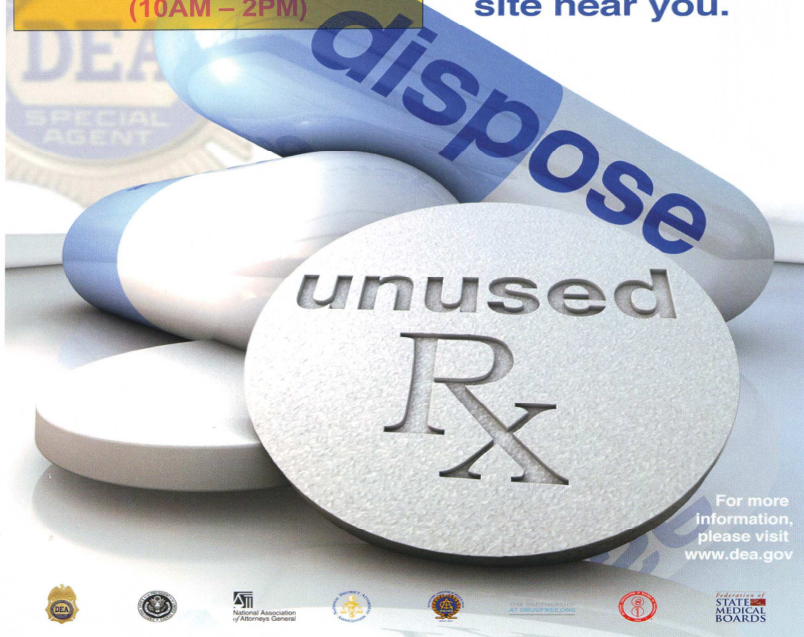
## FLORISSANT JOINS FORCES WITH D.E.A. FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL "DRUG TAKE-BACK" PROGRAM

### Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, Sept. 25th

James J. Eagan Center  
JFK Community Center  
Florissant Police Department  
(10AM – 2PM)

Visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)  
for a collection site near you.



On September 25, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City of Florissant will partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to take part in the DEA's first ever nationwide prescription drug take-back program. Cities all across the United States of America will be operating collection sites where Americans can turn in their unused, unneeded, expired prescription medications.

These unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. Pharmaceutical drugs, particularly controlled substances, taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision can be just as dangerous as taking illicit drugs.

Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. **(Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted.)**

This service is free and anonymous.

To find another collection site near you, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) and click on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day icon.

# **JULY 2010 CRIME REPORT**

**There were 0 Homicides during the month of July.**

**There were 0 Rapes/Attempt Rapes reported for July.**

**There were 4 Robberies in the month of July.**

07/21/10 12700 blk New Halls Ferry

07/25/10 1<sup>st</sup> blk Flower Valley Shopping Center

07/27/10 12700 blk New Halls Ferry

07/28/10 8100 blk North Lindbergh

**3 Robberies were committed with a firearm/knife/other dangerous weapon (implied or displayed),  
1 Robbery was a Strong Arm type.**

**There have been 12 Burglaries during the month of July.**

**(Includes 1 Attempt Burglary)**

### **9 Residential Burglaries**

07/01/10 600 blk Mendocina Ct	Forced entry	07/08/10 1400 blk S Waterford	Forced entry
07/08/10 1400 blk S Waterford	Attempt only	07/12/10 300 blk 300 St Louis	Forced entry
07/17/10 2400 blk Lindsay	Forced entry	07/21/10 200 blk Elmdale Ct	Unlawful entry
07/28/10 600 blk Sherwood	Unlawful entry	07/30/10 1 <sup>st</sup> blk W St Anthony	Forced entry
07/30/10 1 <sup>st</sup> blk W St Anthony	Forced entry		

### **3 Business Burglaries**

07/01/10 14200 blk New Halls Ferry	Forced entry	07/16/10 1200 blk Dunn Rd	Forced entry
07/19/10 1700 blk Dunn Road	Forced entry		

**Vehicle Thefts: 6 Motor vehicles were reported stolen during the month of July.**

**(Includes Attempt Auto Thefts, counted as Auto Thefts for UCR purposes)**

07/08/10 2100 blk Aristocrat

07/09/10 2100 blk N Highway 67

07/15/10 1300 blk Flamingo

07/17/10 800 blk N St Charles

07/17/10 1<sup>st</sup> blk St Dennis

07/26/10 2600 blk N Waterford

### **Stealing Offenses:**

A total of 87 incidents of stealing were reported during the month of July. 0 reports of pickpocket, 0 reports of purse snatching, 32 reports related to shoplifting, 18 reports related to stealing from a motor vehicle, 6 reports related to stealing motor vehicle parts, 9 reports related to stealing a bicycle, 16 reports related to stealing from a building, and the remaining reports were of the miscellaneous stealing variety.



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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.*

## **"MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR NIGHT" 10/05/10**

The Florissant Police Department is encouraging all citizens to get out and "MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR" with a block party on Tuesday, October 5th from 7:00 P.M. till 10:00 P.M.

A block party is a great way to get acquainted with new neighbors and catch up on old news with your other neighbors.

Block party permits are required but are free of charge. The permits are issued from the Mayor's Office. Request can be made to have street barricades available to block off your street so you can party in the street.

This can be the perfect time to think about forming a Neighborhood Watch group if your neighborhood doesn't have one. It's also a great way for current Neighborhood Watch programs to get their groups together.

We want people to get out, lock their doors to get to know each other better just a little better. Neighbors don't have to be the best of friends but it is an important crime prevention component that they watch out for each other and reports suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

Citizens are the first line of defense in reducing criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

Remember the three elements of criminal activity. The criminal must have the motive, desire and opportunity to commit the crime. You have the most control with reducing the "OPPORTUNITY" by securing your valuables, locking you doors and windows and reporting suspicious activity when you see or hear it.

Lets all work together to, as McGruff the crime dog says, "Take a bite out of crime." help take a



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