

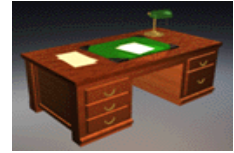
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THE BEAT 2000

Happy New Year!

From the Desk of Chief Lunsford

I want to take opportunity to introduce myself and emphasize the importance I place on using our Neighborhood Watch linkage for the positive benefit of the community. After twenty seven and one half years of service with the Ann Arbor Police Department, I retired in January of 1998. Prior to my retirement, I served as the Acting Chief of Police following the departure of Chief Doug Smith. Now after almost two years of retirement I have agreed to step back into command of the department for the period necessary for the city to conduct a search process for a new Chief of Police following the departure of Chief Carl Ent.

The primary focus of my energies will be to insure a seamless transition. I have great confidence in the personnel from our crime prevention unit who serve as your primary liaisons to the Neighborhood Watch Program. I am equally appreciative of your commitment to and investment in the success of your Neighborhood Watch Program and to the safety of our community. Our motto remains "working together for a safer community."

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Good Security Habits

Good security habits keep burglars away! Getting to know your neighbors, their

families, their habits, the cars they drive, and any medical problems they may have is probably one of the most important aspects of a successful Neighborhood Watch Program and may help to prevent a crime or save a life. But it is only one aspect of crime prevention. As a member of the neighborhood watch program, you have the opportunity to have a free security survey conducted in your home. This is available by contacting the Crime Prevention Specialist Adele El-Ayoubi @

3. SHRUBBERY - Is there a clear view of the door, or is it hidden by shrubbery? If so, thin the growth so that the burglar is denied the opportunity to work undetected.



4. CLEAN-UP - Clean up your yard area. Never leave small portable items (lawn chairs, tricycles, bicycles, etc.) lying around where they may be easily stolen. Keep them in the garage with the door closed and locked. Ladders should be stored inside. If you must leave one outside, lock it up securely. Don't provide a burglar with the means to break into your home.



5. HIDING KEYS - Avoid hiding an extra key hidden in a "secret location". A burglar knows all the "hiding places" and will look there for spare keys. A key should be left with a trusted neighbor or relative in case of emergency.

6. LIGHTING - Turning interior lamps on with a timer (alternating the times they go on and off) is inexpensive and is recommended. A transistor radio left playing (on a talk station) when you're away will also confuse the burglar. External lighting is also important, but exclusive use of outside lighting when the home is unoccupied may actually be a tip off. Report any broken street lights in your neighborhood.

994-8775. Sometimes it not feasible to take time away from work to have this survey done, so the following are basic recommendation for securing your home.

1. USE LOCKS - An unlocked lock is not a lock! Habitually locking the home and closing and locking overhead garage doors when one is away or at night is something which is very important. In Ann Arbor, approximately 80% of the break-ins occur due to

7. ADMITTING STRANGERS - Always be careful about admitting strangers. Identification of salespersons, public utilities personnel, repair persons, and stranded strangers should always be required before opening the door. A wide angle door viewer is an absolute must if visibility of callers is not possible.

The above are just some helpful hints on developing good security habits. Taking the necessary steps to reduce the possibility of becoming a victim requires change. Using the above information cannot insure your complete immunity to crime, but can remove you from the "easy prey" category.

D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. Officers Relocated.

The officers who teach the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. programs in the Ann Arbor area

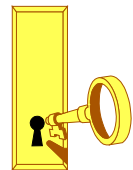
unlocked doors and windows.

2. HOUSE NUMBERS - House numbers should be visible day and night from the street, and garages located in alleys should be numbered. In rural areas, numbers should be displayed on the mail box. This is important for the police officer, ambulance driver, or fire fighters responding to a call.

schools now work out of the South side District Office at 3014 Packard. The four officers were moved from the downtown office due to lack of adequate office space. Please feel free to drop by and visit them at their new office.

OFFICE HOURS

Downtown Office	0900-1300
Westside Office	1130-1530
Northside Office	1000-1400



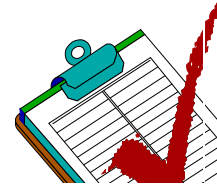
Southside Office	1000-1400
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Road Rage Hot-line

Please call the Ann Arbor Police Special Services Section at 994-2865 for any neighborhood traffic complaints. Remember to drive safely and watch out for children....the child's life that is saved may be one of your own"

Any complaints of aggressive driving in the city of Ann Arbor can be reported to our Road Rage Hotline at 1-877-RAGE TIP

Operation Identification



If a criminal gets through your external defenses, what is to stop him from taking anything and everything of value from inside your home? Engraving valuables and displaying Operation Identification stickers on doors and windows is an important deterrent. This warns a thief that property has been permanently marked and is easily traceable. An engraver is available from the Ann Arbor Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit. You do the engraving: listing the state where your driver's license is issued, your driver's license number, and D.L. (which stands for driver's license), on your valuables. A separate list should be maintained with the serial number, model number, and cost and date of purchase. This list should be kept in a safe place in the event that you should need it.

We also recommend that you walk through your home with a video camera and video tapes items that you cannot or do not want to engrave. It is much easier to show a picture than to describe something.

If you would like to borrow an engraver, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at 994-8775

People Can Work Together for a Better Neighborhood

Neighborhood Watch is designed to promote neighborhood safety in response to the growth of residential areas and the crime rate increase that results from such growth. The main focus is crime prevention at the neighborhood level. However, traffic problems, street/yard cleanup, noise control, and unwanted solicitation are other issues dealt with through neighborhood unity.

No one, not even the police, is better equipped to help you protect your home and family than the people who live immediately near you. Your neighbors know who lives in your home, probably recognize the cars you drive, and may be aware of when you are likely to be home. They can distinguish between familiar and unfamiliar faces in the neighborhood, and have a special vantage point allowing them to detect suspicious circumstances quickly.

Neighborhood Watch requires not only cooperation among neighbors, but also contact between the group and the police. There are several things you, as a partner in crime prevention, should do to establish this cooperation. Report crimes and any suspicious or criminal behavior immediately. Together we can reduce crime in our community.

What To Do In Case of A Hazardous Material Incident

1. If you witness a hazard material accident, spill or leak, call 9-1-1!
2. If you hear a warning signal - (i.e. announcement over outdoor warning siren or police vehicle P.A. system, emergency broadcast system (EBS), cable t.v. alert etc.) Tune to local radio or television stations for further instruction. **Follow All Instructions Carefully.**
3. **Stay Away** from the incident site to minimize your chances of contamination.
4. If you are caught outside during an incident, try to stay upwind, uphill, upstream. Hazardous material can quickly be transported by water and wind.
5. If you are in a motor vehicle, close off ventilation system and make sure windows are closed up. This will help reduce the possibility of contamination or inhaling the hazardous material.
6. If you are asked to evacuate, DO SO IMMEDIATELY. *
7. You may be requested to stay in doors (In Place Shelter), rather than evacuate. **
8. Avoid contact with any liquid, airborne, or solid toxic material that have spilled.
9. Avoid eating or drinking any food or liquids that

may be contaminated.

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Have a pre-packaged kit, stored away with items you would need to take (prescription drugs, eye glasses, clothing, baby items, etc.) And think ahead about what to do with your pet(s).

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ONLY IF TIME PERMITS - Before leaving your home or office, close windows, shut vents, turn off attic fans, heaters, air conditioners etc., to minimize contamination.

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If you do have a place to go, officials will direct evacuees to a staging area and then to a shelter once it is opened.

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Tie a white rag to your front door to let officials know that you have vacated.

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Strictly follow All Instructions given by emergency officials.

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To reduce the possibility of toxic vapors entering your home, seal all entry routes as efficiently as possible. Close and lock windows and doors. Seal gaps under doorways and windows with wet towels and duct tape.

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Seal gaps around window air conditioning units, bathrooms and kitchen exhaust fan grills and stove and dryer vents with tape and plastic sheeting, wax paper or aluminum wrap.

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Fill your bathtub or a large container with water and turn off the water intake valve to your home.

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Close as many internal doors as possible in homes or buildings.

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Turn off all ventilation systems including furnaces, air conditioning vents, fans, and close fireplace dampers.

- ↪ If you suspect that toxic vapors have entered the building, breath through a cloth or towel and take shallow breaths.
- ↪ Remain in protected, interior areas of the building where toxic vapors are reduced. Keep a battery operated radio with you.



New Faces to Community Operations

Westside

My name is Ryan Mainz, I am a Community Service Assistant assigned to the Westside Office (Baker District Office) since September 27, 1999. I graduated from Michigan State University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. I have worked for the Ann Arbor Police Department for just over one year now. Some of you might remember me from our Front Desk, where I spent my first six months on the afternoon shift.

Community Service Assistants (or C.S.A.'s for short) are civilian employees (non-sworn) that are not authorized to carry firearms, do not have the powers of arrest beyond that of ordinary citizens and do not patrol the city. A quick way to differentiate a C.S.A. from a Police Officer is the color of the shirt. C.S.A.'s wear light blue shirts, whereas Police Officers wear dark blue. C.S.A.'s hold positions at our Front Desk, District Offices, Special Services (Animal Control), Report Review, Volunteer Program and Family Services.

District Office C.S.A.'s are responsible for taking a wide variety of police reports including: Larcenies, Malicious Destruction of Property, Harassment, Fraud, Vehicle Crashes and Lost & Found Property. Some reports can be taken over the telephone, while others can only be taken in person. C.S.A.'s can also help install child seats (by appointment only), answer a wide variety of police-related questions and make appropriate referrals to other agencies or programs.

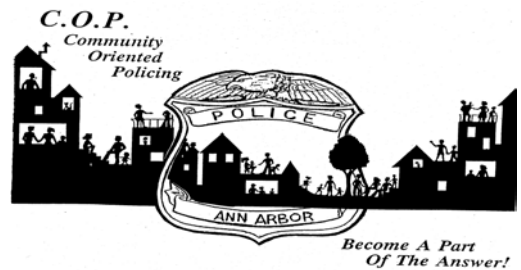
A couple of projects that I am responsible for include: Conducting the Citizen Satisfaction Surveys that help rate our police services, maintaining a comprehensive list Baker District Trespassers and posting local warrant information.

Either Officer Tom Hickey (also assigned to this office) or I would be happy to serve you!

Northside

Officer Michael Dortch is the new District Coordinator for the Northeast portion of the city, also known as the "Charlie Area." Officer Dortch was a police officer for the City of Norton Shores, located 20 miles north of Grand Haven, MI. Officer Dortch joined the Ann Arbor Police Department in 1998 after a two year tour of duty in Norton Shores. Officer Dortch accepted the District Coordinator Position to become more involved with the community.

My name is Lindsay Dietrich and I am the Community Service Assistant (C.S.A.) at the Northside District Community Policing Office. I was hired August 30, 1999 so I am fairly new to the Ann Arbor Police Department. Before coming to here I worked as a dispatcher at the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department for approximately three years. I am currently working toward a degree in Graphic Design Technology. I wanted to become more involved with the community so I applied for the C.S.A. position. So far it has been a great



experience. I now look forward to the summer events and activities that will keep me busy. I look forward to meeting and working with you.



Farewell & Good Luck

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Officer Melanie Kohtz and wish her luck in her new position. Some of you may recall Officer Kohtz as your child's D.A.R.E. Instructor, or one of the Department's first Community Policing Officers, or the Coordinator of the Youth Police Academy and more

recently the creator and coordinator of the P.O.W.E.R. Program (Police On Wheels for Education and Recreation). Officer Kohtz has been with the Ann Arbor Police Department just short of ten years. Officer Kohtz has accepted another position outside the State of Michigan and will begin work there on January 31st. She has been an intricate part of the Community Operation Section and will be missed. The P.O.W.E.R. program will continue under the leadership of Sean Slay, the Youth Outreach Coordinator.

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Develop and share a phone list of local organizations that can provide counseling, job training, guidance, and other services that

neighbors might need.

Services Offered by the Crime Prevention Section of the Ann Arbor Police Department

If you would like to take advantage of any of the following, please feel free to call (734) 994-8775 to schedule an appointment.

Home Security Surveys - this is done by appointment.

Operation Identification - FREE use of the engraver for the purpose of marking your valuables.

Personal Safety/ Self Defense Presentation - this is done by appointment.

Neighborhood Watch Update Meetings - this is done by appointment.

Other Crime Prevention Programs



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