

The Waite Hill Police Beat



August - October 2018

Hello to all residents.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Hopefully you have received the flyer for our summer picnic / car show scheduled for August 18th. There will be a rain date of August 19th. Please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP Robbi Laps (942-1612) if you have not already done so.

Starting July 31st, Willoughby Hills will no longer be our dispatch center due to financial constraints on their end. We have contracted with Central Communications for our dispatch needs. Willoughby Hills Fire and Rescue will not change. This will be a very smooth transition; however, there will be a couple of changes on how dispatching works. For example, when you call the 942-1660 non-emergency line, the dispatcher is going to answer, "Central Dispatch, how can I help you", instead of "Waite Hill Police". If you need to speak to an officer, dispatch may ask you the reason for the call and then contact the officer to call or respond to your residence. There will be no changes with 9-1-1 calls. You still can call 942-5015 for an officer, which directly rings in the police department. My office phone 942-6279 is available as well. If you have any questions feel free to call us.

Lt. Brian Beaumier has graduated from the FBI National Academy and he is passing on things he has learned to the other officers. We are very fortunate to be able to have an officer attend such a program. This program is paid for by the federal government and consists of very prestigious training. Only one-and-a-half percent of officers from the United States and several other countries are able to attend. Brian is the second officer that has been able to attend from our department. I was able to attend back in 2004. The focus of this type of training involves leadership, management skills, and most importantly networking capabilities.

Deer season is approaching fast and they are already on the move throughout the Village. We also have had an influx of turkeys this year. Unfortunately, the deer and turkeys are not too traffic savvy and think they own the roads. So please be extra careful when driving. While such deer-involved crashes can occur anytime, most mishaps happen between the hours of 5 and 8 a.m. and 5 and 10 p.m. because deer are "crepuscular" — meaning that they are most active at dawn and dusk. Defensive driving is the best way to avoid hitting these animals. Be particularly cautious at dusk and dawn when deer are the most active.

We have a tentative date of October 20th for the Halloween party, so if you are interested with assisting with it please contact me or Robbi Laps.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at 440-942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security is always our concern!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police