

MIDLOTHIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER



Midlothian Residents,

The summer is in full swing, which means vacationing, traveling, and community events which keep us active and sometimes away from home.

Remember to stay vigilant and alert when around your vehicles, and remember your home safety guidelines to keep you and your loved ones safe this summer.

Thank you, MPD



COMMUNITY ALERT

CARJACKING & AUTO THEFT AWARENESS & PREVENTION TIPS

COMMON LOCATIONS OF OCCURRENCE

Various locations have been more frequently targeted by carjackers and car thieves. Everyone should be extra vigilant at these locations:

- Residential Driveways
- Parking Lots & Garages
- ATMS
- Gas Stations

VULNERABLE SCENARIOS

These scenarios have been regularly used by carjackers to create opportunities for thefts.

- BUMP & RUN

You are involved in a minor accident, a person from the other vehicle exits their vehicle and enters your vehicle, sometimes by force.

- STRANDED MOTORIST

Do NOT Stop for stranded strangers.

- UNATTENDED RUNNING VEHICLES

SAFETY TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well lit visible areas.
- Keep doors locked and windows up.
- Give yourself room to maneuver in traffic.
- Keep your cell phone on your person.
- Do NOT leave keys in the ignition.
- Do NOT leave spare keys or fobs in your vehicles while running or off.

PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION

REMAIN VIGILANT IN AND AROUND YOUR VEHICLES

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, **DIAL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Non Emergency (708) 385-5151

Station Information (708) 385-2534

MPD@villageofmidlothian.org

COOK COUNTY meds DISPOSAL INITIATIVE

MPD Partnered with Cook County Meds Disposal Initiative to provide a location for expired or unused medications to be safely deposited.

Located in our lobby is a deposit box for any unused medication.



THANK YOU CPC

For taking care of our
Police Officers during
National Police
Week!!!

CodeRED™
Keeping citizens informed.

What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

Does the CodeRED system already have my telephone number, or do I need to sign up to receive CodeRED notifications?

All residents are encouraged to enroll additional contact information, including cell phone numbers, text and email addresses and specify their notification preferences by [clicking here](#).



HOW TO STOP UNWANTED CALLS



Report unwanted calls at
ReportFraud.ftc.gov



See what
built-in features
your phone has.



See what
call-blocking
and call-labeling
services your
carrier offers.

How to stop unwanted calls ON A CELL PHONE



Download a call-blocking app.

- Some apps are **free**, but others charge a monthly **fee**.
- Some apps will **access** your **contacts**.
- Calls might be **stopped**, **ring silently**, or go straight to **voicemail**.



NOTEABLE PERFORMANCE

OFFICER MATT RONAN

Recently attended a Stop the Bleed/
Immediate Trauma Care Instructor Certification Course!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

- **Special Olympics Torch-Run**
Tues June 22nd 2021
12:00 Noon
- **COP-ON-TOP Dunkin Donuts**
Friday August 20th 2021
5AM-12Noon
- **MPD Teen Academy**
Saturday 9/25/2021
- **Barking Wagon**
September 2021



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**LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN®**
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ILLINOIS

Keep home safe when you head out.



Ask neighbors to watch your home.



Check and secure all entry points.



Make sure your outside lights are turned on.



Don't share your whereabouts.

Source: nccp.org/resources/home-neighborhood-safety/

Quick tips for preventing car theft.



Park in well lit areas.



Close and lock all windows and doors.



Never leave your vehicle while it's running.



Don't leave keys or valuables in your vehicle.

Source: nhtsa.gov/protect-your-ride

LOCK IT. HIDE IT. KEEP IT.

Protect your car and valuables.



Source: parking.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/TPP-2012-03-Hide-Lock-Take.pdf

Summer safety tips for pets.



Never leave pets alone in the car.



Keep pets hydrated.



Take walks during cooler hours.



Beware of hot pavement.

Source: weather.gov/wrn/summer-article-keep-your-pets-cool

Did you know that vehicle theft is highest during the summer months?

Here are 4 easy ways to reduce your risk:

- Always take your keys with you.
- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Never leave your car unattended if it's running.
- Park in well-lit areas.



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Keep home safe when away on vacation.

Here are 4 easy ways to reduce risk when you head out:

- Ask neighbors to watch your home.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that you are home.
- Don't post photos on social media until you return home.



Source: National Crime Prevention Council

Stay Hydrated

Fill a reusable bottle with water and bring it with you

Stay Cool

Stay inside an air conditioned place or go to a pool

Plan Your Day

Avoid going out or exercising at the hottest times of the day

Summer clothes

Wear lightweight, light colored clothes

Help Others

Check in on those at risk, like the sick, older adults, children

Stay Healthy in the Heat



Source: National Weather Service

Beat the heat.



Stay cool.

Stay in an air conditioned place or go to a pool.



Seek shade.

Bring a hat or umbrella.



Stay hydrated.

Bring a reusable water bottle.



Never leave pets or children alone in cars. Hot cars can be deadly.



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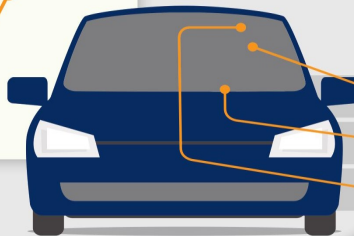
HANDS-FREE IS NOT RISK-FREE

Every day, 7 people are killed and more than 700 injured in distracted driving crashes.



Drivers talking on phones **fail to see 50% of their surroundings.**

Field of view narrows while talking on a phone

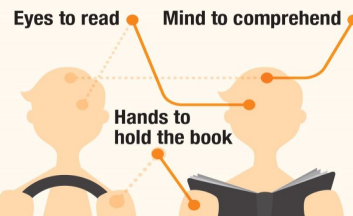


THE ESSENTIALS FOR ATTENTIVE DRIVING:

- Eyes on the road
- Hands on the wheel

MIND ON DRIVING

You can't talk on the phone and read a book simultaneously because your mind can only process one task at a time. So why would you think you can safely drive while using your phone?



TAKE THE PLEDGE TODAY!

Handheld and hands-free cell phone use are deadly distractions while driving. Take the pledge to drive phone-free at nsc.org/pledge

JustDrive

nsc.org/justdrive

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National Safety Council



On July 24, 2021 the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run will host the fourth annual "Five-O at the Dirty-O" fundraiser! The event will be held at the Dirt Oval in Joliet, IL. Law enforcement officers from across the state will race stock cars decked out like their department's patrol cars for the title of FASTEST COP IN TOWN!

I need your help! As most of you know I won this event in 2019 and raised over \$18,000 for this event. Unfortunately, the event was canceled in 2019 due to the corona virus pandemic. I want to retain my "5-0 @ the Dirty O Champion" status and looking for your help to get me to the front row of the starting lineup.

I will be driving the Midlothian PD 502 car, and I am asking for your support by making a donation to Special Olympics Illinois. Each donation helps provide the more than 23,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to train and compete in Special Olympics competitions and programs in Illinois, free of charge.

Donating through this site is simple, fast, and secure. It is also the most efficient way to make a contribution to my efforts for Special Olympics Illinois. If you would like to learn more about this exciting event, visit www.LETRfiveoracing.com

Thanks again for your support! — Sgt. Adam Thibo