

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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GYPHY & TRAVELER SCAMS “RUSE BURGLARIES”

Every Spring and Summer, the Village of Alsip, has an increase in “gypsy and traveler” activity. To law enforcement agencies, the word “gypsy” refers to people who travel in small groups across the country perpetrating crimes of theft, burglary and fraud.

There have been several reported thefts, in prior years, of offenders specifically targeting *elderly* residents. These incidents typically occur during daylight hours.

The suspect or suspects (*you may only see one person*) will, literally, walk right into a home for the purpose of stealing jewelry, money, or other valuables. Thieves will represent themselves as government employees, or

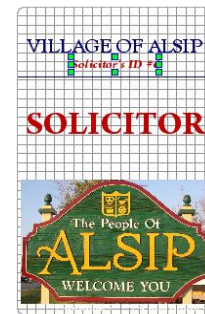


construction, landscape, utility company employees, and even a “*new*” neighbor.

Homeowners should be suspicious of anyone who knocks on their door with offers that sound “to good to be true” or false emergencies.

Do not open the door for someone you do *not* know or have *not* called. Always keep your doors locked, even when you are working outside of the home.

Sample ID’s



Check references and go through the Better Business Bureau, www.bbb.org, to check out any company soliciting your business.

Request a photo ID card from anyone who says they are a Village of Alsip employee. The Alsip employee and solicitor ID’s should look like the above pictured samples. Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity.

Stay vigilant and safe.

Distracted Driving

The Alsip Police are concerned about your safety on our city roads.

We would like drivers to put away distractions and focus only on the road.

Attempting to multi-task is undoubtedly a regular activity for most people,

but it is critical to remind ourselves of the most important task behind the wheel – Driving Safely.

Distracted driving contributes to up to 8,000 crashes every single day, across the country, 100 of which end in a fatality.

Reminder: Drivers in Illinois are required to use a Bluetooth headset or speaker phone while talking on their cell phone.

Behind the wheel, there is no such thing as a small distraction. Drive safely.

Lock Out Crime
– Protect your
home from
intruders

Use sturdy
doors

Use safe locks

Install a
viewfinder

Consider
window pegs

Secure sliding
glass doors

Consider
various outdoor
lighting options

Never allow
strangers into
your home

Put some
electrical
equipment on
timers

Burglary From Motor Vehicle

3-2: 12800 BLK KENNETH AVE.: Leather coat, vest & dash board damaged on white Ford truck.

3-23: 4000 BLK 127th ST.: Drivers window damaged on white Hyundai and headphones stolen

3-12: 11900 BLK HARDING AVE.: Laptop & medication stolen from silver Chrysler

Burglary – Residential

3-22: 3700 BLK 120th ST.: Jewelry stolen from residence by unknown subject

3-30: 11600 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Several appliances stolen from vacant residence

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

3-1: 13100 BLK INLAND DR.: Overpass spray painted by unknown subject

3-18: 3900 BLK 124th ST.: Tail light damaged on black Kia; Arrest made

3-3: 12200 BLK MCDANIELS AVE.: Window damaged on black Hyundai; Arrest made

3-29: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.: Silver Ford damaged with scratches in the paint by unknown offender

3-6: 5500 BLK CAL SAG RD.: Windshield damaged on red Pontiac; suspect named

Identity Theft Crimes

3-3: 11600 BLK KOMENSKY: Victims personal information used to open account

3-17: 12300 BLK BENCK DR.: Victims personal information used to access account and make purchases

3-24: 3600 BLK 125th ST.: Victims personal information used to open fraudulent account

3-26: 12800 BLK LOVELAND: Victims personal information used to open account with cable provider

3-31: 11600 BLK KOLMAR: Victims personal information used to open a line of credit

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

Safe guard your personal information

Routinely monitor your financial accounts and billing statements

Defend against ID Theft as soon as you suspect it

**Visit
AnnualCreditReport.com
or call 877-322-8228,
to order your free credit reports each year.**

Motor Vehicle Thefts

3-8: 12000 BLK KILDARE: Silver Toyota stolen from residence by unknown subject

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

3-11: 4900 BLK 116th ST.: Political signs stolen from front yard

3-12: 12200 BLK 44th PL: Bicycle stolen from stairwell inside residence

3-19: 11800 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Victims delivered packages stolen; arrest made

3-23: 3700 BLK 123rd PL.: Victim had (2) checks stolen from residence; arrest made

3-28: 12200 BLK MCDANIELS: License plate stolen from victims vehicle; arrest made

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902 x233

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

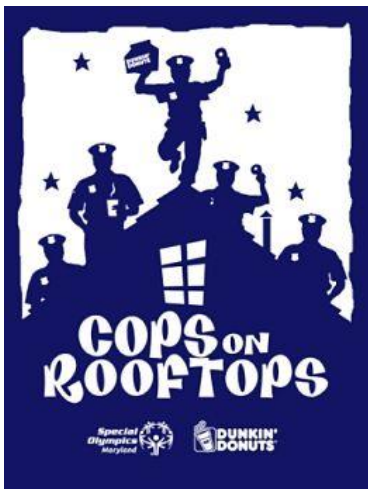


Awareness is
the Key
to Your Safety.

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ALSIP POLICE COP ON ROOFTOP 2018 !



The Alsip Police Department is preparing to join other law enforcement agencies, across the state, with participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2018 Events.

WHAT IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN (LETR)?

The LETR is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefitting Special Olympics Illinois. Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different

legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Summer Games in Normal, IL.

Money raised by the LETR is used to assist nearly 21,000 specially gifted athletes, and more than 4,000 young athletes ages 2-7, with and without intellectual disabilities, annually from communities throughout the state.

Alsip Police Department officers will once again be staking out the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts (location to be determined) to heighten awareness



and raise donations for the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

This year's Cops on the Rooftop Event will take place on Friday, May 18th, from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. at or local Dunkin Donuts (please check our website and Facebook for updates soon!)

Come out, and support your community and Special Olympics Illinois!