### ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

# ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

#### Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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# BEWARE OF TELEPHONE, MAIL AND ONLINE SCAMS OR ANY SOLICITOR SCAM

During this time of the year there are natural disasters that strike across the globe. After these incidents occur some form of relief campaign is needed. We wanted to remind you that whenever there is a major natural disaster or other disaster. scammers begin sending out charity relief scams and other scams almost immediately. Many scammers are very cunning, so being smart is NOT enough to protect yourself from dangerous Internet scams, frustrating spam mail, or deceptive Identity Theft. Use the following tips to help you.

# Things to watch out for in any type of scam:

- Offers that sound too good to be true.
- Promises that you won money.
- Refuses to give you physical address for business office.
- Requests your personal or bank information.
- Use scare tactics & pressure to act *immediately*!



- Insists that you wire money.
- Gives you a check or money order and asks you to send or wire money somewhere after keeping some for yourself.

#### The Most Important Things You Can Do To Avoid Getting Scammed:

- Always use common sense. If you have a gut feeling that something isn't legitimate, you're probably right.
- Never respond to an email request for a donation, or any personal information request.

- Check with the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) at: www.fraud.org or 800.876.7060 for valuable resources.
- Avoid falling for high pressure sales tactics.
- Don't respond to bulk emails.
- If you are told you won a prize, can make money, or borrow money easily, be skeptical.

If you wish to donate money consider making donations to established organizations like the American Red Cross or The Salvation Army.

## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!

Illinois law enforcement is absolutely committed to reducing alcohol related traffic fatalities, and the Alsip Police Department is committed to helping.

Every 30 minutes, someone in America dies because of an impaired driver & every two (2) minutes someone is injured.

The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over impaired driving enforcement mobilizations take place during major holidays – times of year, when unfortunately, impaired

driving fatalities tend to be higher.

Please drink responsibly and help keep impaired drivers off our streets.

Resource: www.drivesoberillinois.org

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### Burglary From Motor Vehicle

10-21: 11600 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.: Wallet stolen from red Ford

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 – Residential

**10-18: 3900 BLK 123**<sup>rd</sup> **ST.**: Electronics and jewelry stolen from residence; no forced entry

## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

10-9: 5000 BLK 121st PL..: Paint scratched on blue Dodge parked on street

**10-12: 3600 BLK 120<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Several scratches to paint on grey Chevrolet

10-28: 3900 BLK 115<sup>th</sup> PL.: Basement window shattered at residence

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## **Identity Theft Crimes**

10-5: 3700 BLK 119<sup>th</sup> ST.: Victims personal information used to open cable account

**10-6: 11900 BLK PULASKI RD:** Unknown offender used victim's personal information to withdraw monies

**10-7: 11900 BLK KEDVALE AVE.**: Victims personal information used to open account with cell phone provider

**10-21: 11500 BLK LEAMINGTON AVE.:** Victims personal information used to access account to make purchase

**10-27: 12400 BLK ORCHARD LN.:** Victims personal information used to access account and make purchases

**10-30: 12100 BLK MCDANIELS AVE.:** Victims personal information used to open account

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

Deter Detect Defend

Safe guard you 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

**No Reports** 

### Theft Over/Under \$500.00

10-6: 3600 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> PL.: Gaming system & electronics stolen from residence; suspect named

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Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

### 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

We're on the Web!

www.alsippolicedepartment.com

### Alsip Police Department 2017 Survey

#### **NEED YOU TO TAKE 2!**

The Alsip Police Department is conducting their annual Citizen & Business Survey. Completing a survey will take you less than two (2) minutes. Take this opportunity to tell us how we are doing. Even if you only work in Alsip, we would still like to hear from you.

Your feedback is important in our efforts to providing better services to the community.
Click on the link below to take the survey now!
<a href="https://www.eSurveysPro.com/Survey.aspx?id=cbf575b8-fc0f-453a-95a7-508b6aded572">https://www.eSurveysPro.com/Survey.aspx?id=cbf575b8-fc0f-453a-95a7-508b6aded572</a>

# Don't have access to a computer?

You can request a 2017
Survey Form by calling
708.385.6902 Ext. 249 or
email
rmerlo@villageofalsip.org

or visit the Alsip Police Department and request one at the front desk window.

These forms can be completed by handwriting your responses and returning the survey to:

Crime Prevention Unit, C/O Ofc. R. Merlo, 4500 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> St., Alsip, IL 60803. Deadline to submit survey is December 31st 2017.

Thank you for your input and support!

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