

# ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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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.
- Check with the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) at: [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org) or 800.876.7060 for valuable resources.

**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.
- 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](http://www.drivesoberillinois.org)

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

**10-5: 11500 BLK KARLOV AVE.:** Red Ford entered and no items reported stolen; vehicle unlocked

**10-5: 11700 BLK KEDVALE AVE.:** Toyota van parked in driveway entered and do items reported stolen

**10-10: 4300 BLK PARK LN.:** Unlocked black Chevrolet entered; cell phone and currency taken

**10-20: 4200 BLK 116<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Blue Chevrolet parked by residence entered; multiple items stolen

**10-22: 11600 BLK KILDARE AVE.:** Multiple vehicles entered into overnight; loose change, electronics, & personal items taken

**10-30: 12500 BLK HOMAN AVE.:** Multiple vehicles entered into overnight; loose change, electronics, & personal items taken

**10-30: 12500 BLK HOMAN AVE.:** Yellow Chevrolet entered and wallet taken

## Burglary – Residential

**10-1: 13000 BLK MCDANIELS CT.:** Lawn mower & leaf blower stolen from garage; unknown offender

**10-22: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.:** Lock pried on residence in attempt to enter

**10-23: 4800 BLK 122<sup>nd</sup> ST.:** Forced entry to residence; jewelry, currency, clothing, and electronics stolen

**10-28: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.:** Unlocked residence entered and liquor & personal hygiene items stolen

## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

**10-1: 12600 BLK ALPINE DR.:** (2) tires damaged on white Honda; suspect named

**10-10: 11700 BLK KARLOV AVE.:** Several scratches to paint on silver Mercedes Benz

## Identity Theft Crimes

**10-1: 4500 BLK BLOSSOM DR.:** Victims personal information used to file tax return

**10-9: 3800 BLK 120<sup>th</sup> PL.:** 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

**10-15: 12500 BLK KOSTNER AVE.:** Victims personal information used to open lines of credit

**10-28: 3600 BLK DEER PARK DR.:** Unknown offender used victim's personal information to withdraw monies

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

**10-2: 3600 BLK 120<sup>th</sup> PL.:** White Volkswagen stolen from residence; recovered

**10-4: 12600 BLK SPRINGFIELD AVE.:** Grey Chrysler stolen from lot; vehicle recovered

## Theft Over/Under \$500.00

**10-8: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.:** Gaming counsel and 2 coats stolen from residence

**10-9: 3800 BLK 124<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Victim had delivered packages stolen from residence

**10-10: 3600 BLK 128<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Case of tools taken from vehicle; arrest made

**10-20: 12200 BLK 44<sup>th</sup> PL.:** Victims cell phone stolen; arrest made

**10-28: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.:** Victims women's bicycle stolen from front of residence by unknown offender



Awareness is  
the Key  
to Your Safety.

## VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6131

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.....708-385-6121

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

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

**We're on the Web!**

[www.alsippolicedepartment.com](http://www.alsippolicedepartment.com)

## Alsip Police Department 2018 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!  
<https://www.eSurveysPro.com/Survey.aspx?id=cbf575b8-fc0f-453a-95a7-508b6aded572>

### Don't have access to a computer?

You can request a 2018 Survey Form by calling **708.385.6902 Ext. 249** or email [rmerlo@villageofalsip.org](mailto: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 January 14, 2019.

Thank you for your input and support!

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