Normal Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter

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Please check out Normal Police Department’s various social media formats. Obviously, we have Facebook and Twitter, but one of the new and upcoming “social” media outlets is Nextdoor.com.

Nextdoor.com is password protected and private. Members must verify that they live in the neighborhood before they can join a Nextdoor website. All of your information is secure. None of the information you share on Nextdoor is available on search engines. Your personal information is NEVER shared with a third party.

I compare Nextdoor.com to a technology based version of a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area.

What Neighborhood Watch is not:

It is not a program designed for participants to undertake personal risks to deter crime.

Social Media:

Nextdoor: www.nextdoor.com

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/NormalILPD/

TWITTER: https://twitter.com/NormalPd

Normal Police Department has an App for that!

The Normal Police Department launched our Normal Police Department App. The NPD APP is free to download and it is the first of its kind in the state of Illinois. The APP is available on all Apple, Droid and Windows products. I have included the QR Code in the lower right corner, or you can search Normal Police Department in your device’s app store.

Some of the App’s capabilities include:

1. Filing a Report.
2. Provide crime tips.
4. Attempt to ID
5. Daily Log
6. Quick links
7. Connections to our Facebook and Twitter

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Resident: Illinois State University move-in for Freshmen is Wednesday August 17th and Thursday August 18th. Returning students (non-freshmen) may move into the residence halls anytime August 15th. Keep in mind traffic around the campus will be congested and there will be multiple roads re-routed to make move-in easier. Also, shopping at the local retailers will take a dramatic up-tick with their arrival.

Thank You!!!

The Normal Police Department would like to thank all of the supporters within our wonderful Town.

The NPD has received numerous gifts (too many to photo) over the course of the last few weeks. These gifts were provided by the wonderful members of the community as a “Thanks” for all we do. We can assure you the reason we are doing this job is for the members of “OUR” community.

We are humbled by your kind gestures!
Normal Residential Burglaries October-December 2016

There were 21 residential burglaries reported in the Town of Normal from April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. The following list includes burglaries of private residences organized by date. Burglaries from apartment complexes in the Illinois State University campus area are not included in this information.

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<th>Report Date</th>
<th>Report Time</th>
<th>Block</th>
<th>Street</th>
<th>Mode of Entry</th>
<th>Estimated Loss Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>06/15/16</td>
<td>5:00PM</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>Jenny Lind</td>
<td>no force - front door</td>
<td>$50 (recovered)</td>
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<tr>
<td>06/23/16</td>
<td>11:00PM</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>Orlando</td>
<td>no force - garage door</td>
<td>$85</td>
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Please note: Both burglaries represented here were entered by way of an unlocked door. The loss value represents the total dollar amount of damage caused added to the total dollar amount of stolen items as reported by the victims.

There were 41 vehicle burglaries in the Town of Normal (including ISU students) during this same time. ONE of the burglaries involved entry by force. The one vehicle entered by force was a construction van in which the lock was pried off the back door. PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOORS!

Below is the Town of Normal ordinance for leaving your pets in the vehicle. The fine for this offense is $275. We issued an ordinance yesterday to a pet owner. Please be respectful of your pets.

SEC. 17.8-18 UNLAWFUL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS. It shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously shoot, poison, kill, injure, abuse or ill-treat any animal. Any person who kills or injures a dog or cat while driving a vehicle shall stop at the scene of the accident and render such assistance as practicable and shall immediately report the incident to the Police Department.

The crime for leaving your children unattended in a vehicle is much worse. Please remember the safety of your children.
Which number do I call?

There are several ways to contact the Normal Police Department, depending on what type of situation or question you may have. The following is a guide to help you choose the correct contact number.

If you have a question that requires an immediate answer, the Normal Police Department front desk can be reached 24 hours-a-day at 309.454.9535. If you require non-emergency police assistance within the Town of Normal, please use the non-emergency dispatch number - 309.888.5030.

In case of an emergency, call 911.

Latest Scam Alerts (all from scambusters.org)

**Hooked By the Text Phishers**
The scam: Instead of sending you a phishing email, scammers send you a cell phone text message, supposedly from your bank, asking you to visit a website whose address looks genuine. It isn’t, and once keyed in, takes you to a bogus site that asks for personal details so the bank can “unlock” or “verify” your account. Currently making the rounds in Columbia, MO.
Solution: As with phishing emails, never follow a link, even one you have to manually key in, that you don’t know for sure. And never provide confidential information unless you know the site is secure — with an “s” in the “https” part of the address line and/or a padlock icon in the message area of your browser.

**Scammers claiming they need your details for a new Medicare card...**
bogus shipping companies you’re asked to pay before shipping an item previously ordered by a con artist... phony talent agencies who tell you you’re heading for stardom, offer to put up $1,000 of their own money and ask for $500 of your cash to invest in your future... and a bogus cop who phones to say you’ve been photographed breaking the speed limit and asks you to forward a $150 fine.

**Don’t Pay The Hitman**
The scam: A rash of death-threat emails has victims in Grand Forks, ND, trembling in their shoes. The messages warn of a $650,000 contract killing — and you’re the target. Unless you pay the hitman $15,000. They say you’re being watched (so you can’t contact the police) and give you 24 hours to make contact.

**If you or someone you know is a victim of a scam in the area you would like included in this newsletter, please contact the Normal Police Department at 309/888.5030**