Some of you may remember the introduction article we published about the Problem Oriented Policing unit in our April of ‘16 issue. (below)

Since their inception the POP unit has been working to implement several community oriented policing strategies.

Their latest implementation is an interactive map which will be published very soon on the www.npd.org website. (It might already be there, by the time this newsletter arrives.)

Each POP officer is assigned to one of our four beats in the Town of Normal. Their assignment is to help you solve a community related issue in a convenient and efficient manner. As you place your cursor over the area of town YOU live in, the officer’s name, email and cell phone number will appear.

Please observe the map on the next page. This is what will appear on the website. Thankfully, our IT department created a much more appealing map.

Problem Oriented Policing (POP)

In October of 2015, the Normal Police Department implemented the Problem Oriented Policing Unit. Officer’s Jason Smith, Will Konovsky, Jason Parmenter, and Beth Seeley, make up the Problem Oriented Police Unit. The department adopted this unit as an innovative way to deal with problems within the Town of Normal. The Problem Oriented Police Unit’s approach requires the officers to be proactive in identifying the underlying problems which can be targeted to reduce crime and disorder at their roots.

Officers of this Unit place emphasis on research and analysis, crime prevention, community and private interaction to cause a reduction in calls for service.

In the upcoming weeks the POP unit will be conducting neighborhood surveys on ways to prevent vehicle burglaries. Please welcome these officers, when they arrive.

What Neighborhood Watch is:
Neighborhood Watch is 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.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It’s the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it’s free.
Area 1: Officer Smith  (jsmith@normal.org)
I am Officer Smith and currently work for the Normal Police Department on the Problem Oriented Policing Unit. I have worked for the Normal Police Department since 2014. I graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice in 2013. I am currently working on a Master’s Degree in Threat and Response Management at the University of Chicago. I look forward to serving the residents of Area 1 and helping to solve the problems within the community.  Cell 309.445.2805

Area 2: Officer Hedges  (ehedges@normal.org)
I am Officer Beth Hedges, I have been a patrol officer with the Normal Police Department since 2012 and currently serve as a member on the Problem Oriented Policing Unit. I am a member of the Normal Police Department Hostage Negotiation Team, Crisis Intervention Team, and sit on the board for the Town of Normal Special Olympics Illinois committee. Before joining the Normal Police Department I graduated from The University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Distinction. I look forward to working with you and the community to increase the quality of life and form a strong relationship between citizens and the police. Cell 309.445.2793

Area 3: Officer Parmenter  (jparmenter@normal.org)
I am Officer Parmenter and have been with the Normal Police Department since 2014. I am also a member of the Normal Police Department Emergency Response Unit. Before joining the Normal Police Department, I served 6 years in the United States Marine Corps with a Combat Deployment to Afghanistan. I also attended Judson University where I received a bachelor’s degree in Sociology with a Minor in Criminal Justice. I look forward to working with the citizens of this wonderful community as well as the opportunity to make the Town of Normal the best it can be. Please contact me with any quality of life issues you feel the Normal Police Department needs to address. Cell 309.445.2801

Area 4: Officer Konovsky  (wkonovsky@normal.org)
I am Officer Will Konovsky and currently serve on the Normal Police Department Problem Oriented Policing Unit. I have worked for the Normal Police Department since July of 2013. I am also a member of the Normal Police Department Emergency Response Unit. I attended Illinois State University where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. I am an 8 year veteran of the United States Army National Guard and currently serve as the Executive Officer of the 233rd Military Police Company. Please let me know how I can help you with any issues you encounter within our community. I look forward to meeting everyone and the opportunity to serve as your direct source to solving problems within our great town.  Cell 309.445.2835

This is a rough map of the Town of Normal. The Town is divided into 4 beats. The east/west split is the Constitution Trail. The north/south split is College Ave on the west side of Main and Willow/Fort Jesse on the east side of Main.
Normal Residential Burglaries October-December 2016

There were 37 residential burglaries reported in the Town of Normal from October 1 - December 31, 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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Total 6 Burglaries $2750

*Please note: Of the 6 burglaries represented here 2 residences were entered by way of an unlocked door, window, or open garage. 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 also 46 vehicle burglaries reported throughout the Town of Normal between October 1 and December 31, 2016
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.

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Snow Ban Information

A reminder to residents:

*When a snow ban is issued, NO PARKING is allowed on Normal streets until after the streets are plowed.*

In the event of a street parking ban and no driveway space is available, residents are encouraged to park vehicles at Anderson or Fairview Park. Vehicles parked in the street are at risk of being ticketed or towed during a Snow Ban.

Snow Bans are announced via all local radio stations as well as *The Pantagraph*. Announcement will also be made once the Snow Ban has been lifted.

If you have questions about the snow ban or to check if a ban has been issued, contact Normal Police at 309.454.9535.

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The Normal Police Department has been a nationally accredited agency with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies since July, 1994.

CALEA Accreditation is an ongoing process that signifies the Normal Police Department has met specific standards of excellence and operates according to national law enforcement standards.

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The Neighborhood Watch/Nextdoor.com Newsletter is compiled and distributed quarterly by the Community Services Unit.

If you have concerns about problems in your neighborhood or ideas for this newsletter, please contact:

Officer Greg Leipold  
Desk Line: 309.433.3440  
Email: gleipold@normal.org