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NPD Social Media

Please follow all of NPD's social media outlets. We have several social media outlets and you can keep up-to-date with everything going on within the Normal Police Department.

I remind you of how useful Nextdoor.com can be. Your neighborhood Nextdoor.com can provide you immediate information regarding suspicious behavior in your neighborhood or where a good deal can be found.

Scam Alerts

⇒ April is Autism Awareness month and there are reports of a Mother/Daughter combination attempting to get support for an Autism Walk/Run. The following is what Autism McLean County expressed, “The people (2 women, may be saying Mother/Daughter) collecting are saying it’s for a Run/Walk this month, but we are not aware of any autism organization holding a Run/Walk this month.” The organization also expressed they NEVER go door-to-door or to church services to collect money.

Door to Door Sales (AGAIN)

The Normal Police Department has received numerous calls from residents in the last week about solicitors coming to their doors.

Here is a list of basic rules for solicitors in the Town of Normal:
1. Solicitation hours are from 9am to 9pm only.
2. Each person must apply to solicit in the Town of Normal.
3. EACH solicitor must have, in view, on their person a copy of the Registration Certificate. If asked, they must show certificate. (Some solicitors will tell you the "business" has a permit. Not true, each person must have a permit)
4. If you have a notice which states "NO SOLICITORS INVITED", then the solicitor shall immediately and peacefully depart from the premises.

If a solicitor is in violation of the Town of Normal's ordinances above, you can call NPD’s non-emergency number of 309 888 5030 to make a report. If the solicitors violate these rules, they can be fined for each offense and their Registration Certificate can be revoked.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE TOWN OF NORMAL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER employs solicitors to ask you to change your utility company.

A reminder that the Constitution Trail hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset year round. Use of the Trail outside of these hours can not only be dangerous, but can result in a fine.

Normal Police will begin their patrols on the trail by the middle of April.
Normal Residential Burglaries January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017

There were 23 residential burglaries reported in the Town of Normal from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017. The following list includes burglaries of private residences organized by date. Burglaries from most apartment complexes, especially in the Illinois State University campus area, are not included in this information.

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*Please note: Of the 7 burglaries represented here, 4 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 32 vehicle burglaries reported in Normal between January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017.
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.

- In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
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- 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.

Cop on Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts, 1603 N. Main, Normal

On Friday May 19th, 2017, from 6am to 2pm the Normal Police Department will be seeking your help in raising money for Heartland Area 6 Special Olympics. We will be on the rooftop at Dunkin Donuts, 1603 N. Main, Normal IL accepting donations. Please consider drinking your coffee there, that morning.

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