

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FALL 2008 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department Fall 2008 Newsletter

It is the objective of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to not only enforce laws and provide safety to our community, but to be an active community stakeholder as well.

With that in mind, we feel we can help accomplish this by sharing with the citizens of Floyd County information on a variety of topics.

We will be sharing information on a regular basis using this newsletter format. The purpose of the newsletter is to share upcoming events, crime prevention tips and other topics that will benefit the citizens of Floyd County.

If you've suggestions or opinions about our newsletter, please let us know.

Sheriff Darrell Mills - Floyd County Sheriff's
Department

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It's Harvest Homecoming Time!!

Visit the Official Harvest Homecoming Festival
website at:

www.harvesthomecoming.com



WMD/All Hazard Community Partnership Training

The WMD/All Hazard Community Partnership Training sponsored by the National Sheriff's Association and Floyd County Sheriff's Department was originally planned for September 27, 2008 at Scribner Middle School.

The wind storm caused damage to numerous homes and businesses in Floyd County. We wanted to provide enough time for the citizens of Floyd County to repair their homes and to restore normal activity. We have decided to reschedule this training by *the end of this year*. Check your

e-mail and mailboxes for the rescheduled training date. This training program is beneficial to every homeowner for the preparation of natural and manmade disasters.

What's covered in this training class?

1. How to create a family disaster plan
2. What to include in a family disaster kit
3. Crisis response
4. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive information
5. Terrorism awareness
6. Desktop exercise

Halloween Safety Tips

With witches, goblins, and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.

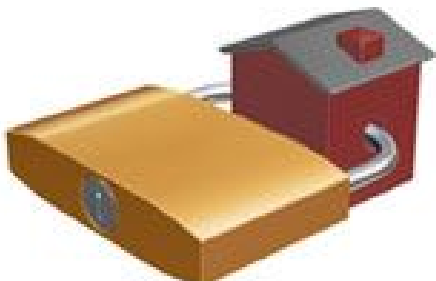
Crime Tips and Preventions

We recognize the need to share crime prevention tips to the citizens for Floyd County. Citizens have been asking what they can do to deter and report crime.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department has taken the initiative to meet with Block Watch groups in Floyd County to share crime statistics related to their neighborhood and talk openly about how to prevent and lessen crime activity in the neighborhoods.

Here are some basic crime prevention tips that you can utilize:

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- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.



We will have extra patrols in the neighborhoods during trick-or-treat night.

Sound Residential Security - check all your windows and doors to make sure your house is secure when you're not home.

Be Watchful of your Neighbors - check on your neighbors, especially when they're not home or on vacation. Be watchful of suspicious activity and report criminal activity immediately!

Have a Vacation Plan - before you leave on vacation, plan your home security. Tell your close neighbors that you will be out of town and to check your house on a regular basis. Have your mail and newspaper stopped. Do not make it obvious that you're not home.

Garage Doors - people forget to shut their garage doors at night. Keep your garage doors secured. This is an invitation for criminals to gain entry into your garage or into your home while you're asleep at night.

Have information regarding a
**particular crime or
criminal activity?**

Please call **(812) 948-5407** and speak
with or leave a message for

**Detective Captain Jeff Topping
Detective Jeff Firkins
Detective Brad Powell**

YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Securing your Vehicle - keep valuables out of plain view in your vehicle. iPod's, golf clubs, laptops and purses are the most popular items that are stolen. Most importantly, if you park your vehicle in the driveway and you've a garage do not keep your garage door opener in your vehicle. A thief can break into your vehicle, open your garage door, and enter your home.

Target Crime Statistics for Neighborhoods

It is our mission to share statistics of crime activity in targeted areas in the County. We've already started this initiative by meeting with several Block Watch groups in Floyd County to discuss crime specific activity in their neighborhoods.

This information is especially useful so your Block Watch group and Homeowner's Association can openly share this data.

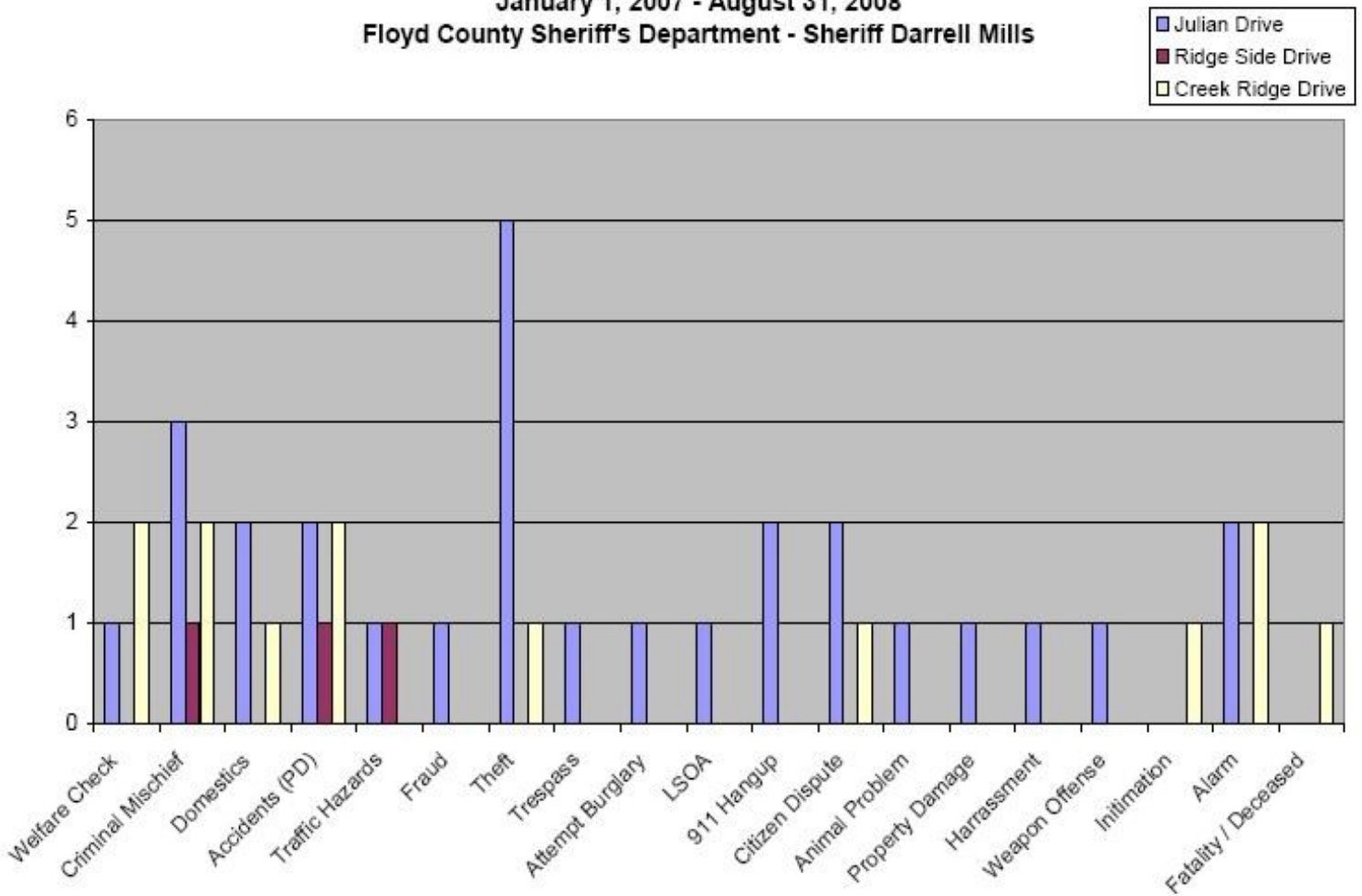
If you're interested in this information for your Block Watch group or HOA, please contact David Heath by e-mail dheath@fcsdin.net.



Target Crime Statistics for Neighborhoods Continued.....

This is an example of data that was used for a subdivision off Payne Koehler Road in Floyd County. This information is especially useful for showing specific crime activity and to communicating measures to prevent future crime.

Police Activity - Creek Ridge/Ridge Side Dr Subdivision
January 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008
Floyd County Sheriff's Department - Sheriff Darrell Mills



"An ounce of **prevention** is worth a pound of cure."

Neighborhood Watch Programs – Getting Involved

Typically, Neighborhood Watch groups are organized due to occurrences of crime in the area. Often, when the crime has gone away, so does the Neighborhood Watch. A Neighborhood Watch does more than just relieve the immediate threat of crime; a Watch group empowers people to take action, builds partnerships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, and forges communication among residents. Neighborhood Watch is far more than a quick fix for an immediate crisis; it can be a moving force for positive change that tackles the root causes of crime.

Successful Neighborhood Watches move beyond the basics of home security, watching out for suspicious activity, and reporting crime to law enforcement. They sponsor community cleanups, find solutions to neighborhood problems, and use the community resources to improve the quality of life and reduce the fear of crime.

The Floyd County Sheriff’s Department urges all neighborhoods and businesses to get involved now and not wait for a crisis.

Contact us if you’re interested in organizing a Block Watch group for your neighborhood.

Useful Contact Information

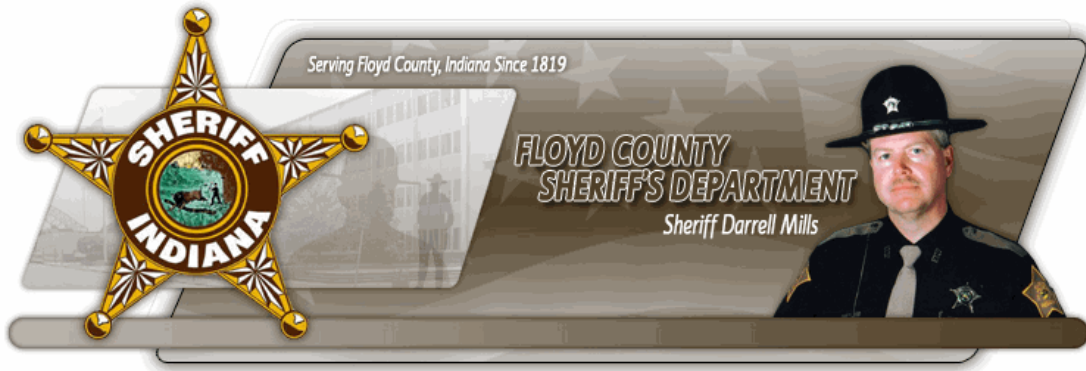
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Anonymous Tip Line (Crime/Drugs)	812-948-5407
Floyd County Sheriff’s Department Detectives.....	812-948-5407
Indiana State Police (Sellersburg)	812-246-9599
New Albany Police Department	812-948-5300
Floyd County Prosecutors Office	812-948-5422
New Albany Floyd County Animal Control	812-948-5355



Visit TwentyTwoSixteen.com for upcoming events to support the Frank Denzinger Foundation. Corn Hole Tournament scheduled for November 8, 2008

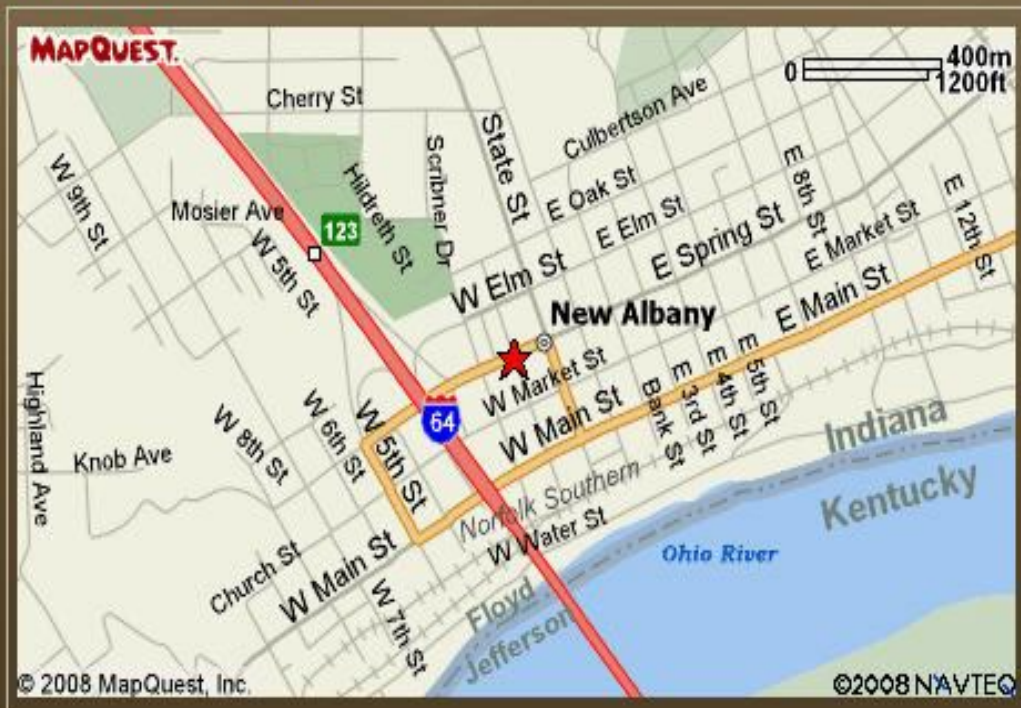
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FRANK C. DENZINGER
 Floyd County Police Officer





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The Sheriff's Office Front Lobby is open from 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday
(Closed for Lunch 11am-12pm)