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is now flying proudly at
the NW District Head-
quarters. Again, our
heartfelt thanks!!
-IMPD NW
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IMPD Northwest District Newsletter

IMPD Northwest District Welcomes New Commander

Northwest District is pleased to welcome Commander Brian Mahone. Commander Mahone is a 15 year veteran of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. The commander's past accomplishments include: Southwest District Commander, Commander of Community Affairs. Additionally, Commander Mahone has served as a Detective in the homicide, robbery, narcotics and grand jury divisions. Commander Mahone is an 8.5 year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Commander Mahone will be focusing his attention on the citizens of the Northwest District and addressing the issues that affect quality of life in the district. Commander Mahone comes to us with a wealth of experience and he is uniquely qualified to lead the Northwest District.

IMPD NW District Officers Capture 10 Burglars In One Day!!

On Friday, March 3, 2012, officers of the IMPD Northwest District responded to four burglary calls as a direct result of citizens calling 911!! Due to the immediate calls by citizens all these suspects were apprehended at the scene of the burglaries!! In all, 10 burglars were arrested! Without question, the help of these alert citizens made a huge difference and led to the successful apprehension of these criminals!! Outstanding efforts by all!! Congratulations to the officers who made these 10 arrests!! Thank you Northwest District Citizens!!!

If you see something, say something!!

We're on the Web! Visit us at Indycrimewatch.com!

NW District Personnel Complete Advanced Certification Training for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design! (CPTED)

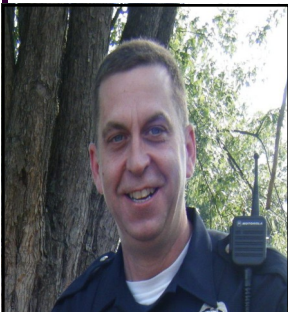
Officers and civilian personnel from IMPD NW District completed the Advance Certification Training for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. (CPTED) The Advanced Training was the final process for certification that began for these individuals in April, 2011.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) theories contend that law enforcement officers, architects, city planners, landscape and interior designers, and resident volunteers can create a climate of safety in a community right from the start. CPTED's goal is to prevent crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior. The theory is based on four principles: natural access control, natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement and maintenance. In simplest terms, CPTED says make your home, business or property the hardest target in your area for crime. NW District individuals who are now

Certified CPTED Practitioners are: Cpt. Joe Mason, Lt. Steven King, Sgt. Matt Grimes, Officers Lothamer, Jennings, Wallace, Jones, and Civilian employees Diane Moorman and Heather Kistler. Community member and ELSAS Weed and Seed Chairperson Jennifer Hendricks also participated.

Mayor Ballard Begins His 2012 Night Out Program with Northwest District

Mayor Greg Ballard began his Mayor's Night Out Program in the Northwest District on March 8, 2012. The event, expertly coordinated by the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Rebecca Viewegh, was held at the New Wineskin Ministries, 4501 W. 38th St. The event began with Mayor Ballard meeting with several neighborhood citizens in private to listen to and address their specific questions and concerns. At the conclusion of the "Meet and Greet", the Mayor, along with city department leaders moved to the larger auditorium and answered questions and addressed concerns from the general audience. The event was very well-attended and the information was well-received.



Officer Blackwell's Roll Call Read-Off

Make a list of serial numbers that correspond to your electronic items. Photograph valuable or irreplaceable personal possessions. Download your serial numbers and photographs to a flash drive. In the event you experience a home burglary, you will have the much needed information stored on the flash drive to give to the burglary detective.

Vehicle Larceny Crime Prevention Tips

Vehicle break-ins are one of the most prevalent crimes. It is also one of the most preventable crimes. Stealing items from a car is a crime of opportunity. People steal what they can see. It really doesn't matter what the item is. HELP US reduce the number of car larcenies in our community.

We need your help by making sure everyone knows not to leave anything of value in their vehicle.

- Be aware that if you have a GPS system, laptop computer, CD player/radio, cell phone, purse, brief case, popular clothing or any other item in plain view that it should be removed from your vehicle whenever it is unattended.
- Theft from vehicles can occur anywhere and at anytime.
- Leaving items visible in your car sends a message to thieves, regardless where it is parked; shopping facilities, churches, sporting and recreation events, restaurants and even your own driveway.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Auto theft is a costly crime. Fortunately, there are a number of steps that you can take to prevent a thief from stealing your vehicle.

Keep your car doors locked.

- Park in a well-lighted area. If you park in a garage, make sure to close and lock the garage door.
- Don't entice thieves by leaving valuable or other items in plain view.
- Don't hide a key in or on your car.
- Lock your car and take your keys with you.
- When parking in attended lots, leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Never leave a key ring with your name, address and phone number.
- Make it a habit to periodically check your license plate and registration tag.
- When purchasing a vehicle, ask about anti-theft features that are available. Vehicles are now available with a car tracking device that enables law enforcement agencies to track your car if it is stolen.
- Take your keys with you if you are going into a convenience store or gas station.

Burglary Prevention Tips

In an effort to reduce crime in the Northwest District, we are asking for your help by using these simple burglary prevention tips:

- Lock your doors and windows
- Reinforce sliding patio doors
- Keep your outside lights on at night
- Have lights on a timer when not at home
- Trim shrubs and trees around your residence that could conceal burglars
- Keep your curtains or shades closed so as not to advertise your valuables
- Record the serial numbers of items and keep the list in a safe place
- Do not keep valuable jewelry in your jewelry box
- Consider purchasing a home alarm system

2012 Northwest District Task Force Meeting Schedule

Task Force Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm at the IMPD NW District Headquarters, 3821 Industrial Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46254. Task Force meetings are open to the public. We encourage anyone who can attend to join us.

April 4th—Task Force Meeting

May 2nd—Task Force Meeting

June 6th—Task Force Meeting

**June 27th— IMPD NW District Community Day
New Augusta Academy North, 6450
Rodebaugh Rd., Indpls. 4:30-7:30 pm.
Free to the public.**

**July 11th—Task Force Meeting (Meeting moved to this date
From July 4th)**

August 1st—Task Force Meeting

August 7th—2012 Mayor's National Night Out Events

September 5th—Task Force Meeting

October 3rd—Task Force Meeting

November 7th—Task Force Meeting

December 5th—Task Force Meeting Holiday Celebration

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Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department CrimeWatch Mission Statement

In April, 1976, the City of Indianapolis, the Indianapolis News, and the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee put together the concepts that have guided the existing CrimeWatch Program. The purpose of CrimeWatch is to create a self-help cooperative effort to reduce crime and fear of crime in neighborhoods. This is achieved by citizens, law enforcement, and local government working together.

CrimeWatch is a division of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. Citizens participating in this program become more aware of crime prevention techniques that can help lower their risk of becoming victims. A pro-active approach against crime is taken through communication and cooperation of citizens, local government and law enforcement.

Over time, CrimeWatch has developed additional programs in response to the needs of the community. These programs also promote crime prevention education. The CrimeWatch Program continues to find innovative ways in responding to the needs of the community, with crime prevention education being its primary goal.

Organizing neighborhood block clubs has been the primary focus of CrimeWatch since its inception in 1976. A few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the efforts to organize a block club.

To organize a block club, residents are required to have two meetings, one with their IMPD District CrimeWatch Specialist and the other with their IMPD Community Relations Officer. During these meetings, members receive training on in-home security, reporting skills, and other crime prevention topics. Members are provided with the latest information on local crime patterns. Block Clubs are not asked to be vigilantes or to assume the role of the police. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. CrimeWatch programs help to build pride and serve as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns.

*Remember "Great Neighbors Make
Great Neighborhoods."*