

The Waite Hill Police Beat

May 2012

Hello to all residents, I will be communicating a newsletter each month so each of you are up to date with what is going on within the police department as well as with the community. I will include information reference criminal activity, hopefully none that is taking place here, but activity that may be happening within our surrounding communities.

On May 28th at 9:00 a.m. there is going to be a Memorial Day Tribute to veterans at Village Hall. Last year we had a dedication of the new flag pole on Memorial Day. One of our village residents, a career veteran, wanted to continue this event. Officer Mike Walsh is assisting with the planning of this event. He is contacting last year's speakers and is attempting to contact village residents who served in the armed forces. You may contact Officer Walsh by e-mail mwalsh@waitehilloh.gov or by phone at 440-942-5015 if you served our country or have any other questions.

On June 2nd between the hours of 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. the shredding company will be here at Village Hall to shred your unwanted records, files, or any other paperwork you may want to get rid of.

I wanted to repeat the following concerns from the April letter. "Our surrounding communities are experiencing home invasions as far as burglaries. With the soaring precious metal prices, the criminals are getting desperate and they are breaking into homes more than ever. I am not trying to alarm any of you; however, I feel it is very important to note this. Besides the home invasion, the burglars are doing extensive damage to the residences as well. For example, they are just kicking in doors or breaking sliding glass doors to make entry. While they are in the residence, they are ransacking each room without any regard for anything. If I may make a suggestion, you might want to think about an alarm system if you don't already have one. When you are gathering information on a system, keep in mind that you may want to get a wireless system. A hard wire system is monitored through your phone lines. An exposed system can be cut at the phone terminal box on your house. The alarm will still sound however, the monitoring company may not get the signal due to the phone lines being cut.

The other concern is the increasing amount of scams that are out there. Communities are battling multiple types of scams, for example: telephone scams, credit card scams, website scams, mail and newspaper scams, as well as, people impersonating utility workers and coming to your residence unannounced.

If you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to call is through dispatch at 440-942-1660, or of course if it is an emergency call 9-1-1.

We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways, contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

In conclusion, if you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to call or stop by and we will be happy to answer any question or if we do not know the answer we will get the answers and get back with a quick response.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police