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PRESS RELEASE

BIKE PATROL TEAM

Wood Dale, IL – The Wood Dale Police Department has initiated a Police Bike Patrol unit, in an effort to deepen the already strong relationship between our officers and the residents of Wood Dale. The formation of a bike patrol unit was approved by City Council after a review of the costs and benefits of forming a unit during the creation of the City's annual budget.

Starting within the next week, Patrol officers assigned to the Bike Patrol will have their squad cars outfitted with bike racks and bikes to allow them time to patrol on the bicycles in your neighborhoods. At this time, we have outfitted two patrol vehicles with racks and bicycles.

The Department feels that it is an important part of a police officer's duties to get out in the community and form positive lasting relationships with the people we serve. Having our officers out on bicycles will allow the officers a different perspective on the community, as well as give the community the opportunity to interact with the officers and foster even better relationships.

Patrolling the neighborhoods on a bicycle will offer our officers an opportunity to see and hear things they might not from the inside of a patrol car. All areas of the community will be covered during the officer's shifts. Staffing will be conducted with regular on-duty officers when manpower levels and call volume allows.

When this program was being considered by City Council, the following goals were identified:

- To improve community relations between residents, business owners, and the Wood Dale Police Department by seeking out opportunities to exchange information, concerns, and ideas.
- To provide patrol of areas that may be inaccessible to patrol cars (parks, schools, etc...)
- To promote bicycle education, safety, and awareness to the public.
- To prevent crime before it occurs, through proactive patrol techniques.
- To provide an enhanced police presence at special events such as block parties, parades, and other community events as needed.
- To provide a silent patrol in areas where the probability of criminal activity.

The bicycle patrol officers will be outfitted in special uniforms, yellow reflective shirts with identifiable police insignias/patches and police markings.

We truly hope that this program will gain community support. As always, we appreciate the support from the residents of the City Of Wood Dale and we are proud to serve you.

Anyone with questions regarding the Wood Dale Police Department's crime prevention efforts or community outreach programs can contact the Police Department at (630) 766-2060 or visit our website at www.wooddale.com/police.

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