

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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GYPHY & TRAVELER SCAMS “RUSE BURGLARIES”

Every Spring and Summer, the Village of Alsip, has an increase in “gypsy and traveler” activity. To law enforcement agencies, the word “gypsy” refers to people who travel in small groups across the country perpetrating crimes of theft, burglary and fraud.

There have been several reported thefts, in prior years, of offenders specifically targeting *elderly* residents. These incidents typically occur during daylight hours.

The suspect or suspects (*you may only see one person*) will, literally, walk right into a home for the purpose of stealing jewelry, money, or other valuables. Thieves will represent themselves as government employees, or

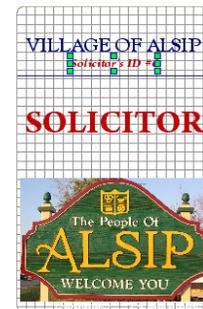


construction, landscape, utility company employees, and even a “*new*” neighbor.

Homeowners should be suspicious of anyone who knocks on their door with offers that sound “to good to be true” or false emergencies.

Do not open the door for someone you do *not* know or have *not* called. Always keep your doors locked, even when you are working outside of the home.

Sample ID’s



Check references and go through the Better Business Bureau, www.bbb.org, to check out any company soliciting your business.

Request a photo ID card from anyone who says they are a Village of Alsip employee. The Alsip employee and solicitor ID’s should look like the above pictured samples. Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity.

Stay vigilant and safe.

Distracted Driving

The Alsip Police are concerned about your safety on our city roads.

We would like drivers to put away distractions and focus only on the road.

Attempting to multi-task is undoubtedly a regular activity for most people,

but it is critical to remind ourselves of the most important task behind the wheel – Driving Safely.

Distracted driving contributes to up to 8,000 crashes every single day, across the country, 100 of which end in a fatality.

Reminder: Drivers in Illinois are required to use a Bluetooth headset or speaker phone while talking on their cell phone.

Behind the wheel, there is no such thing as a small distraction. Drive safely.

Lock Out Crime
– Protect your
home from
intruders

Use sturdy
doors

Use safe locks

Install a
viewfinder

Consider
window pegs

Secure sliding
glass doors

Consider
various outdoor
lighting options

Never allow
strangers into
your home

Put some
electrical
equipment on
timers

Burglary From Motor Vehicle

3-2: 12700 BLK LOVELAND: Loose change, cigarettes, i-pod charger stolen; multiple vehicles entered

3-5: 4600 BLK SPENCER LN.: Unlocked silver Honda entered; no items stolen

3-13: 4000 BLK 127th ST.: Purse stolen from unlocked silver Mitsubishi in parking lot

Burglary – Residential

3-3: 3600 BLK SCOTT DR.: Currency stolen from residence; suspect named

3-10: 12500 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Cell phone stolen from inside residence

3-11: 12100 BLK MILLARD AVE.: Camera & jewelry stolen from residence; forced entry made

3-29: 11800 BLK KARLOV AVE.: Currency & jewelry stolen from residence; no sign of forced entry

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

3-1: 11600 BLK KILDARE AVE: Grass damaged on front lawn by unknown vehicle

3-15: 4000 BLK 127th ST.: Glass table damaged in residence; MV Citation issued to offender

3-16: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.: Black Nissan discovered with paint damage; offender unknown

Identity Theft Crimes

3-2: 11800 BLK KEDVALE: Victims personal information used to access bank account; purchases made

3-3: 3600 BLK 120th ST.: Victims personal information used to access account without authority

3-7: 11500 BLK LEE RD.: Victims personal information used to take monies from account without authority

3-27: 3400 BLK 123rd PL.: Victims personal information used to open a Comcast account

3-28: 12200 BLK AVERS: Victims personal information used to open a line of credit

3-31: 11500 BLK KENTON: Victims personal information used to open credit account; suspect named

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

Safe guard your personal information

Routinely monitor your financial accounts and billing statements

Defend against ID Theft as soon as you suspect it

**Visit
AnnualCreditReport.com
or call 877-322-8228,
to order your free credit reports each year.**

Motor Vehicle Thefts

3-24: 12700 BLK LACROSSE: Pontiac stolen from parking lot by unknown subject

3-31: 12700 BLK LACROSSE.: Blue Hyundai stolen while parked on street with keys in ignition; later recovered

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

3-4: 3900 BLK 124th ST.: Packages stolen from common area of residence



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902 x233

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

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Celebrating the Life of K-9 Officer Eddie



Officer Eddie and handler Officer Rezny

The Alsip Police Department said goodbye to K-9 Officer Eddie who succumbed to cancer on March 7th. Officer Eddie spent his last eight years with his handler Officer Rezny.

Officer Eddie served Alsip and the residents successfully. Officer Eddie was a skilled Belgian Malinois. Officer Eddie and Officer Rezny have assisted many other jurisdictions in the law enforcement community and will be missed. Officer Eddie was an accomplished K-9 in law enforcement trial events. Days prior to his passing,



Officer Eddie was instrumental in locating and capturing an armed robber. Officer Eddie was a welcome presence at many community events. Officer Eddie was the Alsip's first K-9 officer. At a recent village board meeting a special tribute was given to Officer Eddie. Officer Eddie and Officer Rezny were highly praised

not only by the police department but also by their contemporaries who were in the audience.

In tribute to Officer Eddie a replica statue was presented during the village meeting. Plans are to place this statue near the doors of the police department where Officer Eddie can guard the police department forever.

Please click on the following link to view the remembrance video for Officer Eddie.

<https://youtu.be/bin9drLUsvg>