



To All Woodmere Village, Residents, Visitors and Merchants:

In the mist of the economics struggles of many communities and families, the Woodmere Village Police Department is committed to enhancing the community. The Woodmere Village Police Department will be implementing various community services programs. The following programs will be a part of our service to the community:

1. **Resident Assessment Survey** -By appointment, one of the Woodmere Village Police officers will respond to your home and perform a simple walk through of your residence and surrounding property. While going on this informal tour, the officer will ask questions about your daily routines and activities. In addition, he/she will be taking notes while walking and talking with you. The officer is looking at your home and property essentially as a criminal would. This angle of thinking allows the officer to make suggestion as to better protecting your home from intrusion. This is called "**target hardening**". The concept is to make your home as unappealing a target as possible. Why would a criminal go through the extra effort to get into your house when a neighbor's home is so much easier? If everybody on your block has "**hardened**" their homes, then the next thing you know....the crooks are in the next city/village! Within a week of your actual survey, the officer will return with a written report of your current conditions and also some recommendations. Once in your hands, it is up to you. Oh Yes we almost forgot the most important part.... the service is absolutely **FREE!!!**
2. **Bicycle registration program**- The Woodmere Village Police Department offers a free bicycle registration program to all college residents. The police department maintains a database of the collected information. This information is used in the event the bicycle is lost, stolen, or recovered. Participating is easy. Contact the Woodmere Village Police @ 216-831-1234, we will then arrange for you to stop by our police department or for an officer to stop by your residence (whichever YOU prefer). We gather information on the bicycle (make/ model, serial #, color, tire size, etc...), as well as, information on the owner. This information is stored in the Woodmere Village Police files for future use should it be needed. A special reflectorized Woodmere Village Police Bicycle sticker is placed on the bicycle. This sticker contains a unique number that is assigned to the bicycle. In addition, the sticker provides the Woodmere Village Police phone number and Federal (NCIC) identification number. This will aid in the proper return of the bicycle should it be found. For more information on the Bicycle Registration Program, contact the Woodmere Village Police Department at 216-831-1234.

3. **Child ID Program**- the Woodmere Village Police Department "Child ID Program" is quite simple. Uniformed officers will fingerprint children from the surrounding communities from kindergarten up to eighth grade, the 4th Saturday's of the month from 9:00am until 11:00am. The idea behind this program is most parents do not have a means of positively identifying their child other than a photograph. This program gives a positive form of identification to the parents and allows a friendly interaction between the children and the Woodmere Village Police Department. The program is voluntary and requires the permission of a parent or guardian. Once the fingerprints are taken, the fingerprint cards are turned over to the parent/guardian. **The Woodmere Village Police Department does not keep any record of the fingerprints.** In addition, instructions on where to keep the fingerprint cards and additional information that should be kept with it are given to the parents.

4. **Crime Prevention Tips**- the Woodmere Village Police Department is proud to present to its "dedicated community", a monthly forum on the following crime prevention and safety tips. The forum is open to all Woodmere Village residents, visitors and surrounding communities and will take place on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9am-11am at the Woodmere Community Center, refreshments will be provided. We hope that the "tips" are useful and informative. Here are some of the forum topics:
 - A. Auto Theft
 - B. Safety Education Program(Stranger Danger, Gun Safety)
 - C. Property Identification
 - D. Burglary Prevention
 - E. Business Shrinkage
 - F. Child Safety
 - G. Credit Card Fraud
 - H. Domestic Violence
 - I. Drug House
 - J. Telephone Scams
 - K. Latch Key Children
 - L. Personal Safety(on foot, in your vehicle)
 - M. Date Rape

5. **Citizen Police Academy**-The Senior/Citizen Police Academy is a six week seminar held annually to orientate, educate, and communicate with student/citizens and members of the business community on the operations of the Woodmere Village Police Department.

6. **Emergency Information Response Cards**- The Woodmere Police department dispatching service has immediate access to a resident's emergency information when the resident dials 911 through the use of computer-aided dispatch or CAD. This card has vital information that is provided to the dispatcher such as name, address, emergency contacts and if any special needs individuals reside in the home. Special needs being hearing, speech, mentally or visually impaired or wheelchair/bed confined.

7. **C.A.P.E.L-** Children and the Police Engaged in Learning, this program is a four week program. During the four week program a Woodmere Village Police Officer will interact and read to children ages 5-8 in the lower elementary schools for one hour a week. After the four weeks are complete the children will receive a certificate of completion from the C.A.P.E.L program signed by the Village Mayor, Village Council President and the Chief of Police. This program is designed to establish a foundation between Woodmere Village Police and our youth.
8. **Officer of the Month Program-** the officers of Woodmere Village Police will be acknowledged for their hard work and dedication to Woodmere Village and the community. Once a month a Woodmere Village Police Officer will be voted "Officer of the Month" he/she will receive a certificate and a \$15.00 gift card. The officer that receives the most officer of the month certificates during a calendar year will then be named Officer of the Year during the police department's annual banquet to be held in October of every year beginning 2011
9. **The Law and You-** Woodmere Village Police Officers and various officers from local, state and federal law enforcements agencies will partner and present the Law and you program. This program is specifically designed for young adults ages 10-17. The program teaches the young adults how to conduct themselves when and if they have an encounter with police. It stresses the importance of respect by the officer and the youths. This program is being taught to young adults across the country.

If there are any questions pertaining to any community service program, please contact Woodmere Village Police Department @216-831-1234. These new and exciting programs will be implemented in the very near future!!!!!!!