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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello
Neighborhood
Watch
members!



I am Officer Jason Hellmuth and I am one of the Continuing Education/Community Service Officers with the Lincoln Police Department. I have been with the Lincoln Police Department for 21 years. I am no stranger to Neighborhood Watch as I was the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator from 2005 through 2007. I strongly believe in the effectiveness of the Neighborhood Watch Program and its goals.

COVID-19 has begun to rear its ugly Delta-Variant head and, while we are not locked down, we are all again concerned about our safety.

I will continue to hold Neighborhood Watch meetings via ZOOM each month. If you have topics you wish to discuss or things that are concerning you, please do not hesitate to send them to me at the email address below! I will address them the best I can!

Questions? Contact me!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

It is that time of year again! It is important to pay attention to recent changes to school zone speeds and school zone laws.

There are 5 zones in the city that are now 20 MPH.

- Rousseau Elementary
- St. Peter Catholic School
- Humann Elementary
- Dawes Middle School
- St. Patrick Catholic School

These areas have new signs and the roads immediately adjacent to the schools are 20 mph when children are present.

Six easy tips when taking kids to school or picking them up

1. Watch your speed! Pay attention to the signs.
2. Watch for children! As you get closer to the school, the number of children will increase. Watch closely for children darting between vehicles, running across the street or engaging in horseplay.
3. When parking to drop off or pick up children, make sure they enter or exit from the sidewalk, not the street. NEVER let them out into the street. Be respectful of the neighbor's property - do not block their drive way. Please be patient if you are in line. Patience will enhance safety.
4. Have older children meet you at an area less busy.
5. Contact your school and inquire about the drop off/pick up traffic pattern that most schools have instituted for the safety of the students.
6. Lastly, after dropping off or picking up, please leave the area in a safe manner.

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN!



CRIME STOPPERS

Reaches 45 year milestone

Since September 8, 1976, Crime Stoppers USA has been encouraging citizens to submit crime tips. It began as the brainchild of an Albuquerque detective who was lamenting the need for something to get citizens involved in providing tips on crimes and to identify suspects.

The first "Crime of the Week" announcement led to the identification and arrest of three men for a homicide. Crime Stoppers has an average 95% conviction rate on cases solved by a simple tip.

Lincoln/Lancaster County Crime Stoppers began in 1983. It should be noted that Crime Stoppers is a separate entity from the police department. It is a 501c3 corporation, funded solely by donations. The governing board is comprised of members of our community who have an interest in seeing a safer community.

Each year, Crime Stoppers hosts a National Convention, bringing together stake-holders in the enterprise. This year's event was held in Omaha at the end of September. It was well attended with opportunities for groups throughout the world to interact and trade ideas.

Please take a moment to look at the page and see if you can help identify anyone from our local cases. Remember, you do not have to leave your name and you may be eligible for a CASH reward.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Tip #1: Plan your route in advance
- Tip #2: Wear reflective clothing
- Tip #3: Have stranger danger talk
- Tip #4: Wear Shoes for walking
- Tip #5: Keep costumes comfortable
- Tip #6: Establish a curfew
- Tip #7: Remember your cell phone
- Tip #8: Stay hydrated
- Tip #9: Check candy before eating
- Tip #10: Keep your walkways clear





We always worry about what our children may be doing on line. With the issues that can develop from online connections, I thought it was important to remind everyone about ways to make your youth a "Safe Surfer"!

Check your mood! If you are angry, it is not a good time to get on social media and say something you might regret. Remember, once it goes out online, there is no taking it back!

Remain anonymous! Do not share private information:

Full name

Any photographs

Current location

Home or School Address

Phone numbers

Social Security Number

Passwords

Names of family members

Credit Card Numbers

Daily schedule

Vacation plans

Be aware of people who are phishing for more information. Con artists have become very sneaky and develop ways of making websites look valid, when they are just an attempt to gather private data. More information can be found at this website:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/internet-safety.html>

NOW HIRING

- Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Lincoln Police officer?
- We encourage anyone with an interest in law enforcement officer to apply and begin the process.
- Check out our website or contact a recruiter for more information.

JOINLPD.COM



ZOOM MEETINGS

Keep watching your emails for links for the City Wide Neighborhood Watch ZOOM Meetings. Usually, they fall on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. You can meet the officers from the Community Services Unit, ask questions and find out about forming **NEW** Neighborhood Watch groups!

