

School Safety and Officer Friendly

The Skokie Police Department School Safety Programs are presented to children in kindergarten through 3rd grade. The main goal of the program is to build and develop a trusting relationship between Police Officers and children. Further, "Officer Friendly" educates young people on the following law-enforcement-related topics:

- Personal Protective Behaviors
- Decision Making Skills
- Home Alone
- Learning Address/Telephone number, calling 9-1-1
- Self Esteem Building

School Safety programs are administered by "Officer Friendly," beginning with kindergarten. Sessions last up to 30 minutes and are age appropriate.

Security Surveys

Security Surveys cover home safety, house and business alarms, locking systems, lighting and parking issues. An Officer will check a number of security factors and also make recommendations about the interior of a home/business, such as ways to improve security of doors and windows.

Nixle Community Information

Nixle is a community information service dedicated to helping citizens stay connected to the information that matters most, depending on geographical location. Information is immediately available over a cell phone by text message, by email, and over the web. Individual accounts can be customized to receive important desired information.

Visit www.skokie.org or www.nixle.com for more information.

Neighborhood Watch

This program adheres to a simple philosophy: "neighbors watching out for neighbors." The program continues to grow as more and more citizens communicate and demonstrate concern for **their** neighbors and neighborhoods.

To qualify for the Neighborhood Watch Program, more than 50% of the block residents must wish to participate. Once 50% of the block residents volunteer to participate, an organizational meeting is scheduled to coordinate and explain the program, in addition to selecting a block captain from among the volunteers.

Once established, there are social benefits of the program as well. Not only does a Neighborhood Watch provide raised neighborhood awareness, enhanced sense of community and cooperation, and increased person-to-person neighbor interaction, but gives members a sense of belonging and offers the opportunity to contribute to the greater good, a safe and healthy community. Four times a year, the Department publishes a Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.

SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Program Coordinators: (847) 982-5919 or 5922

7300 Niles Center Road
Skokie, IL 60077

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: (847) 982-5900

Crime Tip Hotline: (847) 933-TIPS

Text-A-Tip: Text "Skokie" and your tip to 847411

Email: crime.prevention@skokie.org



@skokiepolice



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Crime Prevention / Community Relations

Programs and Services

Anthony F. Scarpelli, Chief of Police

SERVICE ★ PRIDE ★ DEDICATION

The Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit remains active in its efforts to disseminate information to the public regarding personal safety and the prevention of crime.

The Official Skokie Public Safety Bulletin

The **Official Skokie Public Safety Bulletin** provides information on crime and public safety in the community. The bulletin is:

- **Timely** – reported within a few days after the incident
- **Accurate** – information is taken directly from Police incident reports
- **Factual** – street addresses, crime locations and other details will be included to the extent possible
- **Educational** – information you can use to stay informed about public safety and to protect yourself, your loved ones, your home/property and the community

The bulletin is updated nearly every weekday and provides residents with information about crimes committed within the Village, criminal investigations, comments received from the community and safety tips.

You'll find a link to the Official Skokie Public Safety Bulletin on the Police Department Facebook page and at www.skokiepolice.org.

Volunteers in Policing and TRIAD

The Police Department uses qualified volunteers for specified tasks and duties that can create efficiencies within the Department and improve services to the community. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support sworn Officers and civilian personnel.

TRIAD group activities help implement crime prevention, education and volunteer programs for older citizens. Meetings are held quarterly.

The Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy offers citizens a unique opportunity by gaining insight into their Police Department. The 12-week course is usually held once per year.

Classes include topics such as investigations, canine unit and drugs and gangs. The program is a mix of instructional and role-playing activities which provide the citizen with a realistic understanding of police work in the community. There is no cost to those who live/work in Skokie. For more information please call (847) 982-5919.

Presentations and Special Events

Group meetings within the Village of Skokie, including business associations, youth groups and senior organizations, are provided the opportunity to have an Officer speak about crime prevention topics of interest. Some subjects covered include personal safety and general crime prevention, identity theft, bank robbery and gang awareness. For more information please call (847) 982-5919.

Neighborhood Integrity Program

In early 2014, the Village Board approved a Residential Rental Unit Standards and Neighborhood Integrity ordinance to help protect and strengthen neighborhoods throughout the community. One of the key components of the program is the annual registration of rental units. The rental registration requirement is an effective tool to strengthen the partnership between the Village and rental property owners. All owners of a residential rental unit, whether in a multi-unit building or a single-family home, duplex or townhouse must register with the Village of Skokie in order to have tenants. All rental units and multi-family buildings are expected to be operated and maintained in full compliance with all applicable ordinances, codes and regulations. Visit www.skokie.org for more information or call (847) 982-5920.

A variety of informational brochures are available to Skokie residents, including the following:

- **Crime Prevention**
- **Burglary Prevention**
- **Commercial Solicitation**
- **Garage Sales**
- **Identity Theft**
- **Bicycle Safety**
- **False Alarm Program**
- **Graffiti Removal**
- **Senior Power vs. Con Artists**
- **Hazardous Home Sites**
- **Home Security**
- **Commendation and Complaint Procedure**
- **Truck, Cargo, Panel Van Parking**
- **Parents Teenagers and the Law**
- **The Citizens Police Academy**
- **Law Enforcement Exploring**
- **Neighborhood Watch**
- **Recruitment**

Crossing Guard Program

The Police Department employs approximately 36 part-time crossing guards to staff the 22 plus school crossing locations within the village. For more info, contact the program coordinator at (847)982-5921.

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