



SPD launches Citizens Alert Patrol pilot program

The Springfield Police Department launched a pilot program of the Citizens Alert Patrol (CAP) in the Woodland Heights neighborhood on March 24.

The Citizens Alert Patrol is a volunteer program made up of established Neighborhood Association members who patrol their own neighborhoods. "The CAP is a collaborative effort between citizens and the SPD to reduce



crime, promote a safer community and improve the quality of life throughout the City of Springfield," says Lt. Greg Wheelen of the department's Community Services Section. The volunteers report potential criminal

activity to the police and advise appropriate city agencies and other residents of nuisance and safety concerns.

Eleven residents of Woodland Heights have been trained by crime prevention officers to observe, record and report incidents and other concerns. They use their personal vehicles, and the SPD supplies a magnetic sign so they can be identified as part of the CAP. The main goals of the program are to reduce crime in neighborhoods, educate citizens on crime prevention and heighten their awareness of crime, increase the public presence in neighborhoods and provide a safer environment for all neighborhood residents.

This pilot program will be completed and evaluated in September 2014. If determined successful, the CAP will be offered to additional neighborhoods. For more information, call 874-2113.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness Campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:

(417) 874-2113 or **www.springfieldmo.gov/SPD**

Springfield Crime Statistics

First Quarter 2014 (Jan. - March)

↓ **19%**

Overall decrease
in crime in 1st Qtr.
(Compared to 1st Qtr. 2013)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

January - March	2013	2014
Homicide	2	2
Rape	61	63
Robbery	74	78
Aggravated Assault	184	269
Total Against Persons	321	412

THERE WAS A **28% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2013.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

January - March	2013	2014
Burglary	541	386
Larceny/theft	2,685	1,962
Stolen Vehicle	207	275
Total Against Property	3,433	2,623

THERE WAS A **23% TOTAL DECREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2013.

CLEARANCES of rape offenses
DOUBLED (29.51%
to 61.9%)

due to cooperative victims, good preliminary investigations by patrol and follow-up by detectives



Aggravated
Assaults
ROSE BY

46%

This number is largely driven
by domestic violence.



SPD participated in Denim Day, April 23, to take a stand against sexual assault. There is no excuse and never an invitation to rape. Employees were able to wear jeans for a \$5 donation. Money raised went to the Violence Free Families Coalition which offers prevention efforts of sexual assault in Greene County.

