



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Important Numbers:

- * **Emergency 911**
- * **Non-Emergency**
703-777-1021
703-777-0445
- * **Poison Control**
1-800-222-1222
- Animal Control**
703-777-0406
- * **Sheriff's Office Admin**
703-771-0407
- * **Narcotic Tip Line**
703-779-0552
- * **Crime Solvers**
703-777-1919

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Hunting Season

We are entering into the time of year where hunters will be a common observation in Loudoun County. To help the public better understand some of the most used hunting regulations, we have included them in this month's newsletter.

Activities that are illegal:

- Discharge a firearm within 50 yard of a secondary or primary highway.
- Discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a park or school.
- Discharge a firearm within 100 yards of an occupied building without consent or permission.
- Discharge a firearm, archery tackle/bow, or crossbow in, across or

within the right of way of a public road.

- Spotlighting from a vehicle beyond the road, upon places used by deer while in possession of a firearm, shotgun, pistol, archery tackle, or spear gun.
- Handling any firearm in a manner so as to endanger life, limb, and or property.
- Hunting on private property, not their own, without WRITTEN consent in their possession from the property owner, while actively hunting. NOTE: Hunters may enter upon private property, without consent, in order to retrieve game.

There are also a long series of regulations that pertain to seasons for various animals.

If you are interested in learning

more about Virginia hunting regulations you may go to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website.

www.dgif.gov

You may also find additional information at the Loudoun County website.

www.loudoun.gov



WARNING



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WE ARE WATCHING TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR PERSONS

TO

LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Neighborhood Watch Standards

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention unit would like to remind all active neighborhood watches that attendance at 2 trainings is mandatory per year.

Attendance is counted if one person from a commu-

nity attends a training.

Not meeting this goal means that all the communities Neighborhood Watch signs MUST be removed. Meeting this goal should be easily attainable. Remember without buy in from the community Neighborhood

Watch will not work. Try to get everyone involved. Please look at the end of this newsletter for classes and locations.



Frequently Asked Questions

If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to Nathaniel.Payne@loudoun.gov or James.Spurlock@loudoun.gov

Holiday Safety

With the holiday season quickly upon us here area few suggestion to help you stay safe while enjoying the holiday season.

- If you are going to be away from home and traveling, let a trusted neighbor know where you will be and how to contact you if there is an emergency.
- Do not leave gift packages visible in your vehicle.
- Be cautious of your surroundings. Areas like parking lots are prime

locations for robberies.

- Check the areas you may be traveling to. A quick call to the local law enforcement agency can help you pick a hotel in a safe neighborhood.
- Above all else, if it looks suspicious call it in. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will check it out.

Non-Emergency Number

703-777-1021



Solicitor Regulations

We are at the height of the holiday season where we will see an increase in solicitors in our area. In many cases these businesses and or organizations are legitimate and are providing their customers a service. In other cases these businesses and or organizations are less than scrupulous and use high pressure sales tactics and intimidation to make sales or collect donations.

All solicitors that operate inside the county are required to register with the Sheriff's Office. As part of this registration a background check is completed and information on the

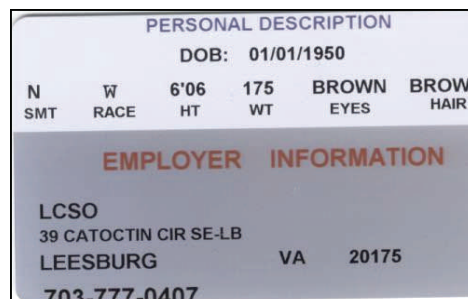
employer is obtained. Through this process, anyone approved to solicit is issued an identification card showing there are a registered solicitor. (See Pictures). All solicitors are required to display and upon request, provide it to any person they are contacting as a solicitation for businesses within the solicit.

In addition to registering and tracking would be solicitors this process also hold solicitors to a code of conduct Should a solicitor violate this code of conduct then their privilege will be revoked and they will not be authorized to solicit within Loudoun County

for a period of one year.

This code of conduct can be found online at: www.loudoun.gov

Any person who witnesses a violation of this code of conduct or encounters a solicitor who refuses to provide their county issued solicitor permit or does not have a permit should contact the Sheriff's Office at the non-emergency number and report the incident immediately. Deputies will follow up and check the area for the solicitor. If the case warrants, deputies have the option to issue a summons for a violation of the county solicitor ordinance.



Upcoming Events

November 8: 7:00 P.M. Introduction to Neighborhood Watch (Legacy Elem., 22995 Minerva Dr.)

**November 9: 7:00 P.M. at Eastern Loudoun Station, Sheriff's Office: Personal Safety for Women
(Women Only, Informational Class)**

November 10: 7:00 P.M. at Lowes Island Elementary School: Sexting /Texting Awareness for Parents (Adults Only)

November 16: 7:00 P.M. Home Security (Buffalo Trail Elem., 42190 Seven Hills Dr.)

November 18: 7:00 P.M. at Lovettsville Community Center: Internets Safety for Parents (Adults Only, NO Children)

December 1: 7:00 P.M. Introduction to Policing (Sanders Corner Elem., 43100 Ashburn Farm Parkway)

December 8: 7:00 P.M. at Lowes Island Elementary School: Burglary Prevention

**December 9: 7:00 P.M. at Eastern Loudoun Station, Sheriff's Office: Sexting/Texting Awareness for Parents
(Adults Only)**

**December 14: 7:00 P.M. Internet Safety for Parents (Dulles Safety Center, 25215 Loudoun County Parkway)
(Adults Only)**

**December 16: 7:00 P.M. at Lovettsville Community Center: Personal Safety for Women
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