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Trick-or-Treating Safety



Do you know whose door you're knocking on while trick-or-treating?

Every home may not be safe: There are more than 900,000 registered sex offenders in the United States, many convicted of crimes against minors.

Before trick-or-treating this season, sheriff's offices and police departments advise parents to check their local sex offender registry.

However, many parents may not know where to look or what information is most important on the registries. [OffenderWatch](#), the nation's leader in sex offender registry management, shares its tips on reading and understanding sex offender registries.

OffenderWatch partners with law enforcement nationwide to provide technical solutions and a network for managing sex offender registries. With more than 3,000 law enforcement agencies using OffenderWatch, Americans conduct about 1.3 million searches on its sex offender registries per week.

"Knowledge is power. We want parents to not only have the information families need to have a safe Halloween, but to also understand that information," said Mike Cormaci, president and co-founder of OffenderWatch. "We've partnered with law enforcement across the country for more than 20 years, helping to improve the sex offender registry and making it easier for both law enforcement and the public to use."

Tips for Finding and Understanding Your Sex Offender Registry

1. Use a sex offender registry published by law enforcement. Not all registries are created equal: Many third-party websites publish outdated sex offender data, claiming it is accurate. Parents and guardians should only trust data provided through local law enforcement. To find your registry, search the website of your county's sheriff's office or police department, or visit <https://smart.gov/sorna-map.htm> and click on your state.
2. Use the map/geographical feature to find offenders in your area. While on your county or city's sex offender registry, input your home address or the address where you'll be trick-or-treating to view a map of offenders in that area. Print out the map with addresses to take with you.
3. Understand the difference between offender risk level and tiers in your state. Every state identifies sex offenders differently, segmenting offenses with risk levels and tiers. Visit your state police website to find a list of offenses, risk levels and descriptions.
4. Talk to your children. If sex offenders live in your neighborhood, point out their house to your children and explain the offender has a criminal record. Tell your children to let you know if the sex offender tries to talk to them or lure them inside.

Serving & Protecting Illinois

On September 23rd, 201, the **Knox County Sheriff's Office** conducted a joint operations with the Galesburg Police Department, Macomb Police Department, Monmouth Police Department, and the Western Illinois TOC West Task Force (FBI), in Galesburg, IL. The joint operations was the culmination of a lengthy investigation which resulted in the seizure of approximately 13 pounds of Crystal ICE Methamphetamine, and 5 arrests. Full Article [HERE](#).

“THE PRIMARY DUTY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY.”

Warren County Sheriff deputies were recently recognized for extraordinary performance in their duties.

Sgt Matt Greenlief and Deputy Josh Smith were awarded Lifesaving medals with accompanying citations. The deputies responded to a medical emergency involving an individual showing no signs of life. They immediately initiated resuscitation efforts, and continued to assist after the arrival of paramedics. The victim recovered. Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists sent citations of appreciation to Deputy Jacob Greenlief and Deputy Josh Smith for their efforts in drunk driving intervention.

Sgt Greenlief, Deputy Smith, and Deputy Greenlief received the awards during a special meeting with their families present. The staff at the Sheriff's Office congratulate these Deputies for their achievements.



A federal grand jury indicted three men of Nebo, Illinois on September 9, 2021 for sexual exploitation of a child.

Agencies participating in the investigation include U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations; the Illinois Attorney General's Office; the **Pike County Sheriff's Office**; and the Pike County State's Attorney's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sarah E. Seberger and Tanner K. Jacobs are representing the government in the prosecution.

Full Article [HERE](#).

A 43-year-old man has been charged with murder after a fatal shooting in unincorporated Lockport Township on Wednesday, the **Will County Sheriff's Office** said.

The man was taken into custody Wednesday and has been charged with murder, being an armed habitual criminal and being a felon in possession/use of a firearm. Bond was set at \$3 million, and Green remains at the Will County Adult Detention Facility.

Full Article [HERE](#)

Dear Officers: *Thank You for Serving Our Communities and Keeping Us Safe.*

Behind the Badge: Part 6 Sheriff Jeff Standard: Fulton County

Click the image below to view the video of Sheriff Jeff Standard of Fulton County as he shares insights, stories and wisdom from his years in Law Enforcement.

ISA's "Behind the Badge" video series feature Illinois Sheriffs as they share stories of what life is like as law enforcement officers in modern America. Behind the Badge video series serves as a tool to forge stronger relationships between law enforcement officers and the Illinois communities they serve.

Previously posted interviews include: Sheriff Roger Scott (DeKalb County), ISA President & Sheriff Brian VanVickle (Ogle County), Sheriff David Clague (Knox County). Retired Sheriff Tom Templeton (LaSalle County) and Sheriff Kevin Doyle (Putnam County).



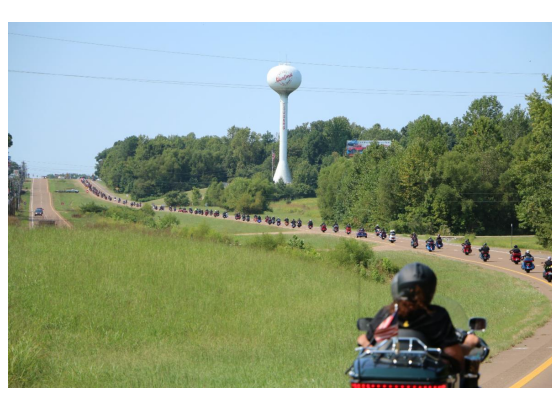
Sheriff's Participate in "St. Jude Rides"



St. Jude Rides 2021
\$772,040

[St. Jude Rides](#) raises funds and builds awareness of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through motorcycle rides to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN and the St. Jude Midwest affiliate located in Peoria, IL. Peoria is home to St. Jude's first affiliate clinic, which opened in 1972, and the community is a great supporter of St. Jude. St. Jude Rides's goal is to financially help further their mission of advancing cures and find preventions for childhood cancer.

Founded by Former Peoria Sheriff Mike McCoy and Brad Wiebler, a typical St. Jude rides brings 150 motorcyclists with 76 passengers on the journey from Peoria, IL to Memphis, TN. Satellite rides from eight cities brought the total number of riders and passengers in 2021 to 286 and a **total of \$772,040** was donated this year to St. Jude.



School Bus Safety

Make school bus transportation safer for everyone by following these practices:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
- Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state, as well as the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:
 - Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
 - Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Information provided by: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/school-bus-safety>

STOP FOR SAFETY

School bus statistics in Illinois

THE BUS STOP

The bus stop is the most dangerous part of taking the bus.

Children face a larger risk of being killed loading and unloading rather than sitting inside.

66
PERCENT

of pedestrian fatalities involve the bus itself

33
PERCENT

involve motorists illegally passing the stopped school bus

SCHOOL BUS LAWS IN ILLINOIS

All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus with red lights flashing, stop arm extended and stopped to load or unload students.

Helpful Guidelines:

Two-Lane Roadway
Both vehicles must stop.

Four+ Lane Roadway
All lanes on the buses side must stop.

One-Way Roadway
All vehicles must stop.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Date: October 23rd, 2021

Please check with your local Sheriff's Office for drop-off locations.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million people misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million people misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives in 2019. The survey also showed that a majority of misused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

For more details, visit: <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>



Click on above image to access pet merchandise along with our clothing items (t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos), masks and accessories!

5 Tips for Road Safety During Harvest Season



1. Keep an Eye Out

Farm machinery may unexpectedly turn onto a road from a nearby field or driveway. It's important to watch out for machinery in order to act swiftly.

Additionally, because of farm equipment's large size, it is sometimes difficult for an operator to see you on the road. Even if you can see the operator, the operator may not be able to see you.

2. Slow Down

Slow down as soon as you spot farm machinery on the road. Farm equipment usually travels around 25 mph or less. As a result, it doesn't take very long to catch up with them and collide.

Farm vehicles are also very heavy, and because of this, it takes them longer to slow down. When you slow down for them, the operator has time to react to other obstacles or vehicles on the road.

3. Stay a Safe Distance Away

Keeping a safe distance away from farm machinery will allow more visibility for you and the operator. It will also allow the operator more space to make turns.

Farm machinery often has to make wide turns and it may appear as if they're turning a different direction than they really are. Being alert to these turns and giving the operator enough space to safely do so is crucial to road safety.

4. Pass with Caution

It's understandable that you will want to pass farm machinery traveling slower than you. Before doing so, make sure the road is wide enough for both you and the operator.

Also, ensure that there is no oncoming traffic approaching before you attempt to pass. Be patient as **unsafe passing** is one of the primary factors of motor vehicle accidents.

5. Be Aware of Your Surroundings

In addition to watching for farm machinery, be aware of other vehicles and possible animals sharing the road with you.

Check for mailboxes, bridges, roadkill, or other obstacles that may cause farm vehicles to move to the center of the road or suddenly stop. Situational awareness is key to practicing road safety and avoiding accidents.

Article [HERE](#)

2021 Upcoming Events:

Chief Deputy & Jail Administrators
Conference
October 12-14, 2021
East Peoria

We Run Blue 5K Family Event
October 23, 2021
Rochester Community Park

Administrative Assistant Conference
October 21-22, 2021
Springfield

Civil Process Training
November 17, 2021
Springfield



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**
