



CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tip Line	627-3333
Animal Services	687-3023
Business License	478-2211
Bus Service (e-tran)	683-8726
Chamber of Commerce	691-3760
City Clerk	478-3635
City Council	478-2201
City Hall	683-7111
City Manager	478-2201
Code Enforcement	687-3023
Crime Prevention	478-8122
CSD Fire Non-Emergency	405-7100
Garbage and Recycling	635-2500
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Mosquito Control	(800) 429-1022
Patrol Officer Voicemail	627-3700
Poison Control	(800) 876-4766
Public Works	683-7111
Street Lights	687-3005
Suicide Prevention	368-3111
Traffic concerns	627-3714
TTY / TDD	(888) 435-6092
WEAVE (Domestic Violence Agency) 24 Hour Crisis Line	920-2952

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Hello Elk Grove!

Welcome to May! In this month's newsletter, we feature the Regional Family Safety Day, Tip a Cop at chili's, bike safety in honor of National Bike Month, tips from a burglar, vacation checks from the VIPs, and the End of Watch Charity Masquerade Ball.

Mark Your Calendar for the Inaugural Regional Family Safety Day on June 18!

The Elk Grove Police Department and the Cosumnes Service District are proud to co-host the first of what we hope will be a yearly event – the Regional Family Safety Day. The FSD is an event bringing together several public service agencies from the greater Sacramento area to introduce and reinforce safety in a fun and educational environment. The list of attendees is still being finalized, but so far includes the Elk Grove Police Department, the Cosumnes Service District Fire Department, the Sacramento Sheriff's Department, the US Coast Guard, the Sacramento Police Department, SMUD, the California Highway patrol. The day will be filled with exhibits and demonstrations, including K9, police motorcycles, a fire engine, a helicopter landing and take-off, a Coast Guard boat, child seat safety demonstrations, and many more. There will be food trucks there from SactoMoFo. There is no cost to attend, and parking is free. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officers Andrew Bornhoeft or Kris Packwood at CrimePrevention@ElkGrovePD.org.



Tip a Cop® at Chili's on Thursday May 12th

Join Elk Grove Police Department personnel when they come together with Special Olympics athletes for an evening of food, fun and awareness. This all happens at Chili's (7410 Laguna Boulevard, Elk Grove) on Thursday, May 12, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Law Enforcement personnel volunteer as celebrity waiters, delivering food and drinks, and 100% of their "tips" are donated to Special Olympics. Donated tips will benefit the 16,000 athletes of the Special Olympics of Northern California. For more details, contact Ofc. Terrance Washington at twashington@elkgrovedpd.org.



May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try. Combined with the warmer weather, that means there will be more cyclists in the roads. Here's some tips for both cyclists and cars:



For the Cyclist....

1. Ride as close to the right shoulder as is safe, except when passing, making a left turn, or avoiding hazards (21202 VC). Ride in the same direction as traffic (21650 VC). If there is a bicycle lane, use it (21208 VC).
2. Wear a good helmet. Helmets are required for those under 18 years old (21212 VC), but are a really good idea for everyone. Did you know that if you or your child has crashed, it is time for a new helmet? A helmet that has been crashed may be damaged and no longer able to protect you.
3. Make sure your helmet fits your head size. It should sit about two-finger width above your eyebrow, be snug, and have the chin straps secured.
4. Wearing earphones while riding is not only a bad idea, it is also against the law (27400 VC), however, it is not against the law (just a bad idea) to use a cell phone while riding.
5. In Elk Grove, you may ride on the sidewalk if it is designated as part of the bike route system (10.20.010 EGMC). You must still yield to pedestrians.

For the Driver....

1. California law says you must maintain at least a three foot buffer between your vehicle and the cyclist when passing (21760 VC).
2. If you are making a right turn, yield to any cyclists travelling on your right.
3. Keep an eye for cyclists, as they are harder to see, and they don't have the protection of the car around them.

20 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

... OR, HOW TO SAFEGUARD YOUR HOUSE

This is some really good advice, from the perspective of the burglar, on how they choose which house to victimize. It will give you many ideas of how to safeguard your property.

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
6. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom – and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
7. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door – understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
8. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it).
9. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
10. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
11. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
12. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system.
13. Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
14. The two things I hate most: **loud dogs** and **nosy neighbors**.
15. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
16. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
17. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
18. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
19. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
20. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Free Vacation Checks from the Elk Grove Police VIPS

Are you going on vacation this summer? Worried about newspapers or flyers stacking up in your absence (see #4 above)? The Elk Grove Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), in partnership with the Police Department, provide a Residential Vacation Check program for Elk Grove residents. Before going on vacation, you may submit a Residential Vacation Check application. While you are on vacation, the VIPS patrol will visit registered houses in a marked vehicle, checking front and back yards, windows, and doors. Residential Vacation Checks are performed Monday through Friday year round.

The volunteer patrol team has been trained to notice any inconsistencies in the appearance of houses that may be a symptom of a home burglary. Upon return, residents receive a copy of the logs that were kept by the VIPS patrol team. This service is provided free of charge to residents within the City of Elk Grove. The Volunteers in Police Service operate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit; as such, they accept donations. All funds that are collected are returned to the community through donations to multiple charities within Elk Grove.

To register, download a form from www.ElkGrovePD.org, call (916) 478-8100, or visit us at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove (Monday through Friday except holidays, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

End of Watch Charity Ball to Benefit Fallen Officers

The End of Watch Fund, a non-profit organization that raises funds for law enforcement employees who experience catastrophic events, will hold their 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ball on Saturday, May 7th, 2016 at the Double Tree by Hilton Sacramento. The Ball is open to everyone.

The End of Watch Fund provides immediate financial assistance to families nationwide who lose an officer in the line of duty. Regionally, the organization assists law enforcement officers experiencing tragedy, personal hardships, or long-term illnesses.

Since 2014, the End of Watch Fund has packaged and delivered over 13,000 snack bags and 20,000 bottles of water to support officers in the California and Nevada areas that attended the funerals of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. These snack bags offer a small gesture of support and sustain the officers between the funeral and often lengthy procession.

The 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ball is a formal fundraising event intended to raise funds and awareness so that the End of Watch Fund can continue its mission and expand efforts to assist even more people in need. The event will be Masquerade themed and will include dinner, live music, dancing, auctions, raffle drawings and more. The entertainment for the evening will be comedian Michael Mancini, the "World's Funniest Cop."

Additional information and tickets can be found at www.MemorialBall.com. For sponsorship information please contact Detective Erin Montgomery at (916) 478-8130 or emontgomery@elkgrovepd.org. We hope to see you there.



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*The End of Watch Fund's
1st Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ball*

THEME: MASQUERADE

MAY 7, 2016 AT 6PM

DINNER, DANCING, RAFFLES

DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON SACRAMENTO

2001 POINT WEST WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

FEATURING: MICHAEL MANCINI "WORLD'S FUNNIEST COP"

MUSIC BY HARPIST LARISA SMIRNOVA - & MILLINGTON STRINGS

DANCE MUSIC BY DJ MATT OF INFINITY SOUND AND LIGHTING

TICKETS \$55 - PURCHASE AT: WWW.MEMORIALBALL.COM

*TICKET PRICES INCREASE TO \$75 PER PERSON ON APRIL 25TH

That's all for this month. Stay safe Elk Grove!