



# Oswego Police Department

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## Homeowners Association Newsletter

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### Information

#### **Citizens Police Academy – Seats Still Available!**

The Oswego Police Department would like to invite you to attend our Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). The CPA is a unique chance to see and experience the inside workings of your police department. Various Oswego Police Officers will introduce you to their world by sharing their areas of expertise and interest. The CPA runs for twelve weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Areas of discussion include various topics normally used in the police field.

The next academy class is scheduled to begin March 16, 2016 and will run for 12 weeks. The classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Oswego Police Department located at 3525 Route 34. All classes will be held in the Community Room in the lower level of the police department.

More information and registrations may be found on our website at:  
[www.oswegopoliceil.org](http://www.oswegopoliceil.org)

#### **Community Shred Event**

This is advance notice to begin collecting your items. In our continuing effort to help prevent identity theft the Oswego Police Department has partnered with First National Bank (Formerly Castle Bank) to provide another shred event day. On Saturday April 16th from 9:00am – Noon we will be set up to collect your old bank, credit card or other statements, receipts, or any documents that may contain financial information. This will be at the bank located on Rt 34 west of Orchard Rd.

Comments or questions about this publication can be directed to Deputy Chief Nick Sikora.

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**Everbridge Mass Notification** –We have mentioned this system previously in our newsletters, however we want to again strongly encourage all residents to take advantage of this system. This system is an excellent way to receive emergency notifications of events in Oswego and anywhere in Kendall County, you control what kind of alerts you want to receive and from what agencies. If you have a traditional "land line" phone system, provided in our area by AT&T, you will receive emergency notifications as those phone lines were loaded into the system. If you rely on your cell phone or any of the VOIP style phone systems (such as Comcast) your numbers are not in this system. You **MUST** go online and complete an opt-in process to register your numbers. When you complete the opt-in process you are able to enter multiple contact choices (cell numbers, texts, emails, home, etc.) for how to receive notifications.

When you opt-in you may also select from a wide range of notifications that you want to receive, such as traffic alerts, community alerts and others. You may also select to receive alerts for up to five different locations within Kendall County, such as your home, work, child's school, etc. Please use this link to access the system. <http://www.co.kendall.il.us/kencom/alert-kendall>

**Crash Information** – Do you know where the most vehicle crashes occur in Oswego? Most of you could probably guess at least a few of the intersections as they are certainly some of our busiest. For 2015 the intersections with the highest number of vehicle crashes were:

- Route 34 and Douglas Road – 36 crashes
- Route 34 and Orchard Road – 32 crashes
- Route 34 and Route 30 – 21 crashes
- Route 30 and Harvey Road – 18 crashes
- Route 71 and Route 34 – 16 crashes

We consistently see two major recurring "contributory causes" being listed on these crash report investigations. Those are speed violations and following too closely, so please remember to leave yourself plenty of time for your vehicle trips and leave enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you to allow for an appropriate reactionary gap. This will allow you the opportunity to maximize the chances of taking appropriate action to avoid a collision in many instances.

#### **Special Events –**

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Bunny Hop, from 10:00am – 2:00pm children and parents will be walking in the downtown area from store to store collecting Easter treats. Watch for extra foot traffic in the area for this event.