



# Oswego Police Department

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## Homeowners Association Newsletter

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### **Cop on a Rooftop – Support Special Olympics**

On Friday, May 20, 2016, Law Enforcement throughout Illinois will once again be staking out the rooftops of Dunkin' Donuts to heighten awareness and raise money for Special Olympics Illinois!

Each guest who visits a Cop on a Rooftop location that day and makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a free donut coupon. Guests donating at least \$10 will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug (while supplies last) and a coupon for free medium coffee.

The Oswego Police Department will be participating in the Cop on a Rooftop event at the Dunkin Donuts located at 2420 Route 34. This event will begin at 5 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. Please come out and support the efforts of your Oswego Police Officers as they raise awareness and money for Special Olympics!

**Junior Police Academy** – The Oswego Police Department will be hosting two sessions of the Junior Police Academy again this summer. The first session is from June 27 - July 1 and the second session is from July 18 - July 22. Both sessions are Monday to Friday, 8:00am - Noon. The Junior Police Academy is offered free of charge to all current District 308 Junior High School students. Junior Cadets will learn about conducting traffic stops, crime scene investigation, building searches and more! Space is limited so please do not delay turning in applications. They are due by June 6, 2016. Applications are now available in the lobby of the Oswego Law Enforcement Center and on our website.

Comments or questions about this publication can be directed to Deputy Chief Brad Delphey.

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Spring is here and summer isn't far behind. Warm weather brings fun outdoor activities with friends and family, it also brings out thieves looking to steal vehicles and exposed property while you are preoccupied. Don't give a thief easy access to your property. Be sure to roll up your windows, keep belongings out of sight and never leave your keys in the car, even if you are running a quick errand. By taking a few simple precautions which don't cost anything, you can help prevent a lot of distress, inconvenience and financial loss.

Oswego Police are reminding residents of the following tips to reduce opportunities for criminals and to protect against becoming a victim:

- ~ **Always lock your vehicle:** A locked vehicle makes it more difficult for a thief to take your valuables. If your vehicle is accessed, a criminal may also have the ability to access your garage and eventually the interior of your home through the use of your garage door opener.
- ~ **Remove valuables:** Remove your laptop computer, GPS and other valuables from your car. An empty car is less likely to draw the attention of a would-be thief.
- ~ **Conceal belongings:** If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, cover them or place them in a closed container. Additionally, security blankets or shields will remove these items from plain view. Inform your children to cover their belongings or place them under their seat. This will ensure items are not seen through the vehicle's windows.
- ~ **Remind teenagers & other family members to lock doors:** Communicate with all drivers within your home, including teenagers and other family members, the importance of locking their car doors and adhering to the other precautions.

The Oswego Police Department would like residents to report any suspicious activity. With a partnership between the Oswego Police Department and the community, we will continue to work towards reducing opportunities for vehicle burglaries and helping residents avoid the frustration and financial loss encountered after having valuables stolen.

### **Special Events –**

May 27<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> is the Oswego Soccer Festival located at PrairieFest Park. Watch for traffic congestion in the area of Route 71 & Plainfield during this event.

May 28<sup>th</sup> is the Beats and Eats event. This event is held downtown on Main Street between Washington and Jefferson with some street closures. Check out the lineup of artists @ [www.oswegobeatsandeats.com](http://www.oswegobeatsandeats.com).

May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day Parade. Watch for traffic congestion in the downtown area during this event.