



Frankfort Police News

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Lock It or Lose It

The Frankfort Police Department wants to make residents aware that the Lincoln-Way area, including Frankfort, has been experiencing several break-ins to vehicles over the past few weeks. These have been occurring during the overnight hours with the offenders looking for unlocked cars. It appears that a vehicle will drop off several people who will go out and look for unlocked vehicles, grab items out of them, then quickly leave the area. None of the incidents have involved any confrontations with people and all have been property crimes only with items being stolen. We continue to actively work with our officers and area agencies to identify those responsible. The best way to avoid being a victim of these incidents is to lock your doors. Remember to remove valuables from plain view, or take them in the house when possible, and please never leave your keys or key fobs in your car. We also ask that if you see or hear anything out of the ordinary, such as a car door shutting or dog barking at an unusual time to call the Frankfort Police Department immediately at 911 (emergency) or 815-485-2500 (non-emergency). Working together is the best way for the community to stop crime. Remember....

Lock it or Lose it



**Remove Your Valuables
Lock Your Vehicles**

Crime Statistics

Year to year we see fluctuations in different crime trends in the Lincoln-Way area. We have seen an increase in the amount of burglaries to motor vehicles from 2015 to 2016. By November of 2015 we had twenty burglary to motor vehicles. This year we've had a slight increase to thirty-five burglaries by November. To clarify, a burglary to motor vehicle is when an offender goes into a motor vehicle without authority with the intent to commit a theft or felony. The majority of our Burglary to Motor Vehicle cases involved vehicles where the doors were left unlocked. Below is a chart listing the top ten reports taken in 2015. Our 2016 statistics will be in our February newsletter.

Top 10 Reports Taken in 2015	
Report Type	Total
Suspended Driver's License	106
No Insurance	80
Identity Theft	74
Retail Theft	61
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	60
Driving Under the Influence	59
Possession of Cannabis	58
Domestic Disputes	56
Warrant Arrests	46
Domestic Battery	23

Holiday Safety



As the winter season comes upon us we would like to remind you of some important safety tips.

Many people travel for the holidays. It is a great idea to have a neighbor get your mail and newspapers, or to ask the post office to hold your mail. Many burglars look for homes where it is obvious that homeowners are away. Some indicators are: newspapers or packages piled up on the front stoop, snow that has not been disturbed (no tire tracks or footprints), and exterior lights that are left on all day and night. The Frankfort Police Department offers a vacation watch for residents. The form to register for vacation watch can be found on the Village of Frankfort website. Just go to the police link and look under crime prevention to fill out the form.

Be careful when you go out shopping. Only carry the credit cards you need for that day. Make a photo copy of all of your credit cards and keep it in a safe place in case your wallet gets lost or stolen. Never leave your purse unattended. Be aware of your surroundings when walking through parking lots. Ask for assistance out to your vehicle if you feel

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Health Expo and Flu Shot Clinic

The Frankfort/Mokena TRIAD hosted its annual Flu Shot Clinic and Senior Health Expo on Wednesday, September 28th. We had a great turnout of seniors and vendors for this year's event. We also had two seminars; one on "Nutrition for Diabetics" and another on "Exercises to Improve Balance". We would like to thank all of the seniors who attended, the vendors who sponsored this event, and the Frankfort Township for the use of their "Events Centre".

Coffee with a Cop

On November 4th the Frankfort Police Department had a "Coffee with a Cop" at Marianos. Frankfort Police host these events several times throughout the year at different locations. The Coffee with a Cop program is designed to open up the lines of communication between the public and police. We are there to listen to concerns, comments, and to answer questions. To find out when our next "Coffee with a Cop" event is, check our website at www.frankfortpolice.net.



Deputy Chief Krause and Officer Lanz hand out sticker badges to children while at the event.

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uncomfortable or have too many packages to carry out. Do not leave packages in plain view within your vehicle, and make sure you lock your car doors.

Lastly, while out celebrating do not drink and drive. Call a taxi service or get an Uber if you are not able to operate your motor vehicle safely.

The Frankfort Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!



Parking Reminder

The Village allows no parking on streets between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. after a two-inch snowfall. This parking ban allows crews to completely clear streets of snow and ice.



Senior Car Check

Lincoln-Way East Automotive students teamed up with the Frankfort/Mokena TRIAD for the TRIAD's annual Senior Car Check. Seniors were able to have students and their supervisors check their vehicle to make sure they are safe to operate during the winter. The seniors were given safety information, refreshments, and games to play while they waited for their vehicle. Fuller's Car Wash in Mokena donated car washes as raffle prizes for this event.



Lincoln-Way East Automotive Students work on a car at the car check.

Trunk or Treat

On Saturday, October 29th The Frankfort Police Department hosted its annual "Safety Trunk or Treat". This year's event was a huge success with an estimated one thousand children in attendance. We would like to thank the many businesses and organizations who decorated a trunk for this event. This year's winners for the trunk decorating contest were Silver Auto and Woody's Auto Body.



Mayor Holland and Chief Burica in the "Psychedelic Photo Booth" constructed by Silver Auto at our Trunk or Treat event.

Officer Joe Sroka's latest work assignment has him DARING to make a difference.

Officer Joe Sroka is beginning his 13th year as a police officer with Frankfort. He has specialized as a truck/commercial vehicle enforcement officer and an evidence technician. But, he is most looking forward to his latest venture as a DARE instructor. Sroka attended DARE training in September of this year, and stated that "he looks forward to teaching DARE and being a part of the school community". He was part of the "Stay out of Jeopardy" Halloween safety assembly at Chelsea School on Halloween, so he was able to work with the same kids to whom he will be teaching DARE. Sroka related that he really enjoyed the assembly and getting to know the students. DARE is a great opportunity for officers to build relationships with students while teaching them how to make good choices. Officer Sroka enjoys spending time with his wife and family when he is not working. He has twin six year olds and a two year old. DARE will begin in January of 2017 and we know that Officer Sroka will be an excellent mentor and teacher to the children at Chelsea School.



Frankfort Warming Centers

Did you know that Frankfort has two warming centers to assist its residents in need during the winter season?

*Frankfort Village Hall - 432 W. Nebraska
(Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

*Frankfort Township Building - 11000 W. Lincoln Highway
(Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM)



The Frankfort Police Department will be issuing a newsletter quarterly with up to date information on current crime trends, community events, and laws. To get a copy of our newsletter go to www.frankfortpolice.net.