



*August 1, 2017  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

National Night Out Against Crime is celebrated annually on the 1st Tuesday in August by Law Enforcement Agencies across the United States. The Glendale Heights Police Department invites you and your family to join us at the Village Complex, 300 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights to show your support for crime & drug prevention. This free event is open to all residents and is meant to raise awareness about crime prevention in our community. The Glendale Heights Police Department has coordinated an evening of fun including “Dunk the Cop”, fingerprinting, emergency apparatus demonstrations by the Fire Protection Districts and more. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, soft drinks and snacks will be offered free and served by Glendale Heights Police Officers and Village Officials. For more information, contact Sgt. Darre at (630) 909-5445.

## BLOOD DRIVE



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Village Hall Training Room  
Tuesday, August 1  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## GIVE BLOOD

*You can make a difference*



## Street Lights

If you are aware of a street light in your area that is not working properly, please notify Public Services at (630) 260-6040 or forward an email to Sgt. Darre, [kdarre@glendaleheights.org](mailto:kdarre@glendaleheights.org) with the address and pole number, if known.

You can access your local crime map and sign up for daily, weekly, or monthly email crime alerts at [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com) or at the Glendale Heights Police Department’s website.



# Neighborhood Watch News

July 2017

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There will NOT be a Neighborhood Watch meeting in July. We will host our next meeting at the end August 2017.

We will go over area crime statistics and local concerns. Members of the police department and community development will be present to answer questions.

Refreshments will be provided!

Our Mission: Working in partnership with our community to maintain safe and secure neighborhoods, reduce crime, and improve the quality of life for our citizens through ethical, courteous, and professional police service.



The Pillar of the Month:  
July—Trustworthiness



## Home Repair Fraud and Ruse Burglaries

On a daily basis, con artists posing as contractors, repairmen and utility workers commit crimes of theft, burglary and home repair fraud on countless senior citizens of the state of Illinois. The two basic crimes these suspects commit are Home Repair Fraud and the Ruse Entry Burglary. These suspects know the elderly are ideal victims for these crimes. They know many senior citizens, for various reasons, keep large amounts of cash / jewelry within their home.

Home Repair Fraud: The suspects cruise residential neighborhoods looking for elderly persons outside their home. The elderly persons are approached and an offer is made to do some sort of home repair work (driveway seal coating, tree trimming, roof repairs, chimney repairs, tuck pointing, etc.). The suspects are known to confuse the victim, by telling them they did not understand the original agreement, and any work done is substandard in nature. Suspects in these cases are usually males of various ages working alone or in small groups, numbering two or three. These suspects will use pick up trucks, full size vans, mini vans and passenger cars. The pick up trucks may have ladder racks, with lad-

ders and a spraying device mounted in the bed.

Ruse Entry: The suspects cruise residential neighborhoods looking for elderly persons outside their home. Once located, the suspects approach a victim and claim to be utility workers, city employees, cable TV technicians or contractors. The suspect will gain entry to the residence using the ruse of checking a potential or alleged problem (water pressure, fuses, wires, pipes, etc.). Once inside the home the suspect will keep the victim occupied (running water, turning lights on and off, etc.) while one or more additional suspects enter the home and commit a theft, generally taking only cash and jewelry. If the suspects cannot find the victim's hiding spot for their cash, a common tactic for the suspects is to ask the victim for change of a large denomination bill. The victim will lead the suspects to their secret hiding place and get change. After the location is known, one suspect will again keep the victim occupied, while another suspect commits a theft of the victim's cash or jewelry. The number of suspect's participating in the Ruse Entry has been reported from one to six males. With suspects acting as lookouts to watch for Police or curious neighbors. Some suspects have resorted to wearing disguises such as hard hats, orange safety vests and carrying

walkie-talkie type radios.

The vehicles used can be almost any type. Reports have shown these suspects have used passenger cars, full sized vans, pick up trucks and mini-vans. Some reports have shown that these individuals are using rental passenger cars.

Preventive Measure: Citizens have to be law enforcements eyes and report these activities. Any persons confronted by these subjects need to be aware that if the price sounds too good to be true then it is usually a repair fraud. Home owners that are approached by subjects that are highly interested into entering their homes need to be aware that this could possibly be a Ruse Entry, and these subjects need to be refused entry and the Police notified as soon as possible. Any residents that are confronted by any suspicious persons or activity should contact the Glendale Heights Police Department as soon as possible, by calling 911.

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