



SPD launches Apartment Watch program

The Springfield Police Department and local apartment complexes are launching an effort to expand the Neighborhood Watch program to Springfield apartment dwellers.



Called Apartment Watch, the program “teaches apartment managers and staff how to be the eyes and ears of the police,” says Police Officer Mark Priebe. Similar to SPD’s Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs, Apartment Watch offers education about crime prevention and creating safer environments.

Golden Pond Apartments, 3030 W. Republic Road, is the first apartment community to adopt the program. Management there completed SPD’s Apartment Watch training, upgraded security and made other improvements at the complex late last year. The complex now has signs posted around their property denoting their membership. The Villages at Nathanael Greene, 1950 S. Scenic, began the process of becoming an Apartment Watch community last fall.

“We want to do everything we can to make our residents to feel safe,” says Susan Summersby, the complex’s community director.

If you are interested in joining Apartment Watch, please call 874-2113.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
- Targeted awareness Campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There’s no information that’s insignificant. Don’t hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:

(417) 874-2113 or www.springfieldmo.gov/SPD

Springfield Crime Statistics

Fourth Quarter 2013 (Oct.-Dec.)

↓ **2%**

**Overall decrease
in crime in 4th Qtr.**
(Compared to 4th Qtr. 2012)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

October - December	2012	2013
Homicide	5	3
Rape	28	71*
Robbery	112	105
Aggravated Assault	210	273
Total Against Persons	355	452

THERE WAS A **27% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2012.

* Effective Jan. 1, 2013, the Department of Justice changed the definition of rape with the goal of a more comprehensive statistical reporting of rape nationwide. Due to the definition change, many more cases are now classified as rape, causing the increase between 2012 and 2013 to be vast.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

October - December	2012	2013
Burglary	593	521
Larceny/theft	2794	2674
Stolen Vehicle	259	274
Total Against Property	3646	3469

THERE WAS A **4.9% TOTAL DECREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2012.



19% National Average

24% SPD during 4th Quarter

**PROPERTY OFFENSES
CLEARED BY SPD**
4th QUARTER 2013



AT LEAST

75

Vehicles stolen in the 4th Quarter had the keys left inside.

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