



## Zoning in on neighborhood concerns

The Springfield Police Department's Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers are available to help solve neighborhood problems and provide referrals to community organizations that can assist neighborhoods in the City of Springfield.

When a citizen calls 911 about a concern, an officer may be dispatched to address that issue for the short term. However, many times community issues tend to be recurring due to deeper, underlying problems that are present and may have been present for several years. This is often frustrating for the citizens who are directly impacted.

The City is divided into three patrol zones by SPD. As part of the department's community policing philosophy, there are six PAR Officers, two of whom are assigned to each zone. They serve as liaisons, working with residents and business owners in their zone to proactively identify problems and come up with long-term solutions to those problems that may be unique to the area.

When PAR Officers get involved in a neighborhood issue, their job is not to find fault or place blame, but to coordinate and facilitate efforts in hope of solving the identified problem. PAR Officers work with all involved parties, serve as the link to patrol officers and detectives needed to address the issues, and request assistance from other departments within the City when necessary in an effort to accomplish their goal. These officers have received extensive training in handling conflict and resolving long-standing problems.

Citizens experiencing a problem in their neighborhood who would like to discuss it with their PAR Officer should first determine which zone they live in by checking the zone map on the SPD's website or by calling 864-1810. However, if immediate assistance is needed, always remember to dial 911.



## 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
  - Apartment Watch
  - Citizens Alert Patrol
- 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:  
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# Springfield Crime Statistics

First Quarter 2016 (Jan. - March)

**↑ 10%**

Overall increase  
in crime in 1st Qtr.  
(Compared to 1st Qtr. 2015)

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Jan. - March	2015	2016
Homicide	6	4
Rape	60	64
Robbery	114	86
Aggravated Assault	297	365
<b>Total Against Persons</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>519</b>

THERE WAS A **9% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2015.

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Jan. - March	2015	2016
Burglary	399	527
Larceny/theft	2,063	2,179
Stolen Vehicle	242	267
<b>Total Against Property</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>2,973</b>

THERE WAS A **10% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2015.

The occurrence of robberies,  
"stealing something violently  
or while instilling fear in a  
victim," **DROPPED** by

**25%**



Burglaries, "unlawful  
entry of a structure  
in order to commit a  
crime," **ROSE** by

**32%**



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