



## Enforcement of pedestrian safety ordinance begins

An average of 60 pedestrians are struck each year on Springfield streets, and in 2016 and 2017, 12 pedestrians were killed.

Following a City-wide Street and Intersection Pedestrian Safety Study, City Council enacted new a new ordinance aimed at better protecting pedestrians and occupants of vehicles at intersections and along streets which have high volumes of traffic, high speed limits, and/or narrow medians.

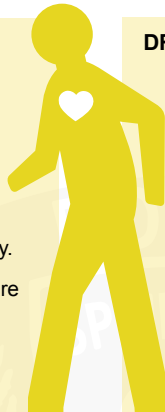
The pedestrian safety ordinance provides the ability to fine pedestrians or drivers (minimum of \$100) for violating City Code regarding right-of-way in crosswalks, limits the time of day that a pedestrian can cross a roadway outside of crosswalks and intersections (during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, no pedestrian shall cross any roadway at any place other than a crosswalk or intersection), limits the crossing of arterial roadways and intersections to designated locations, and prohibits certain conduct between pedestrians and drivers on roadways with high volumes of traffic or high speed limits.

The ordinance went into effect in December 2017, and officers spent the remainder of the month educating citizens on the changes by issuing 39 warnings. Enforcement of the ordinance began in January 2018 and occurs based on citizen complaints and proactive enforcement by officers.

### What does this ordinance mean for pedestrians and drivers?

#### PEDESTRIANS:

- After dark, don't cross roadways anywhere but at an intersection or crosswalk.
- Pedestrians must cross an arterial roadway at an intersection or crosswalk.
- Don't exit a vehicle while located within an arterial intersection unless it's an emergency.
- You may only stop on a median when you are crossing the roadway.
- Don't approach a vehicle on an arterial roadway unless it is legally parked.



#### DRIVERS:

- Drivers must yield right-of-way to pedestrians.
- No occupant of a vehicle can engage in conduct with a pedestrian entering upon an arterial roadway.

These laws do not apply to law enforcement personnel, persons engaged in rescue activities, persons engaged in emergency vehicular repair, public employees or permitted contractors with required duties and persons entering a stopped vehicle such as a taxicab or public transportation in a designated area. For more information, visit [www.springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields).

## 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**

[www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com)

### 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 [springfieldmo.gov/spd](http://springfieldmo.gov/spd)

# Springfield Crime Statistics

Fourth Quarter 2017 (Oct - Dec)

**↓ 15%**  
Overall decrease  
in crime in 4th Qtr.  
(Compared to 4th Qtr. 2016)

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

October - December	2016	2017
Homicide	2	4
Rape	55	75
Robbery	105	103
Aggravated Assault	354	376
<b>Total Against Persons</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>558</b>

THERE WAS A **8% TOTAL INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

October - December	2016	2017
Burglary	524	506
Larceny/theft	3,077	2,486
Stolen Vehicle	556	406
<b>Total Against Property</b>	<b>4,157</b>	<b>3,398</b>

THERE WAS A **18% TOTAL DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**SPD uses the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) philosophy and can provide a free survey for your business.**

CPTED applies physical design, citizen participation and law enforcement strategies in a comprehensive way to protect neighborhoods or facilities. If interested, contact SPD's Crime Prevention Unit at [crimepreventionunit@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:crimepreventionunit@springfieldmo.gov) or **417-874-2113**.

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