



**Springfield
POLICE**

Quarterly Public Safety Report

Third Quarter 2019 (July - Sept.)



Springfield Police and Springfield Public Schools Team Up for "SPD in PE"

On Sept. 25, 2019, the Springfield Police Department, in partnership with Springfield Public Schools (SPS), launched an original program called SPD in PE. Through this initiative Springfield Police Officers directly interact with middle school students during their physical education (PE) classes.

For the 2019-2020 school year, officers are working with seventh grade classes at Cherokee and Jarett Middle Schools. Officers visit each PE class four times, with varying curriculum during each visit. On the final visit, officers bring some of the gear we use during the agility test required of candidates who wish to be considered for the police academy.

"I'm excited for the launch of this innovative program in partnership with SPS," said Police Chief Paul Williams. "It has been well-received by our officers and by the students at SPS. I am proud of the commitment of our officers to be positive role models for these young people."

The idea for SPD in PE came from a desire within the department to have more positive and meaningful interactions with the children in the Springfield community. Many times, interactions with law enforcement can be intimidating but SPD in PE allows officers to take off their uniform and connect with the kids on their turf, at school.

Brad Brummel, Coordinator of Physical Education, Health, and Engagement activities for SPS, says the "sweat equity" officers build with students during SPD in PE fosters trust and builds genuine relationships.

"The Springfield Police Department has been great to partner with on this initiative and been willing to do anything to support the program. They are truly there for the students and not asking for anything in return," said Brummel.

At SPD we hope that by having consistent, positive, one-on-one interactions with school children it will humanize our officers and help the students feel more comfortable with law enforcement. We also hope this impact will not only continue as they grow into young adults but also be felt throughout their family and friends and create long-term positive effects for police-community relations.



Warming up your car? You run the risk of thieves stealing your vehicle.

As cooler weather sets in, you might be tempted to warm up your vehicle but leaving it running while unattended is an invitation for thieves. To reduce your risk, consider the following tips to keep your vehicle and belongings safe:

- Remove the keys from the vehicle and always lock the doors.
- Install a remote start system.
- Use a spare key to lock doors or use a push to start feature if so equipped.
- Don't hide a spare key somewhere on the outside of the vehicle (they are easy to locate).
- Don't invite a break-in by leaving things in plain sight in the vehicle. Remove them or secure them out of sight.
- When possible, park in well lighted areas.
- If the vehicle is an older model, replace the standard door lock shafts with ones that are tapered.

See Something. Say Something.

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

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

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321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:
2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Springfield Crime Statistics

Third Quarter 2019 (July - Sept.)

↑ **6%**

Overall increase
in crime in 3rd Qtr.
(Compared to 3rd Qtr. 2018)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

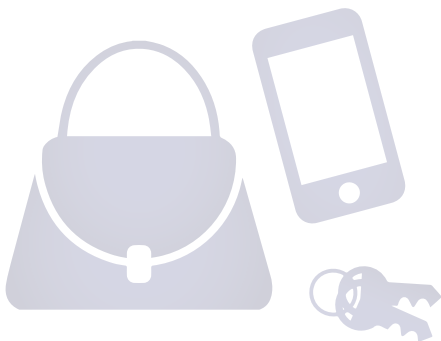
July - Sept.	2018	2019
Homicide	5	2
Rape	89	66
Robbery	73	70
Aggravated Assault	446	469
Total Against Persons	613	607

THERE WAS A **1% TOTAL DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2018.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

July - Sept.	2018	2019
Burglary	565	591
Larceny/Theft	2,305	2,537
Stolen Vehicle	442	439
Total Against Property	3,312	3,567

THERE WAS AN **8% TOTAL INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2018.



MORE THAN

\$617,000

worth of items were stolen
from Springfield homes
during 3rd quarter, 2019.

Be sure to keep valuables locked away
and secure exterior doors and windows.

HOMICIDES
dropped
by **60%**

between the 3rd
quarter, 2018 and
3rd quarter, 2019.

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