



Neighborhoods in the Know

A GREENVILLE POLICE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Dear Community Members:



Chief Terri Wilfong

The mission of the Greenville Police Department is to protect the lives and property of the people we serve. The men and women of the department are fully committed to this mission. Our entire agency uses the community policing beliefs to establish partnerships with the community we serve. Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

To stay connected with our neighbors we will be publishing a monthly newsletter. This is our first issue and we are very excited to share the accomplishments with our community. The newsletter will consist of new and exciting things occurring in the police department as well as in our neighborhoods.

Our Crime Prevention Specialist, Courtney Palmer, is the editor of the newsletter. She is looking forward to sharing information and hearing from our neighbors. This is a great way for neighborhoods to stay in touch with each other by sharing information. If someone

would let Officer Palmer know about events occurring in their areas she will publish the information in our newsletter.

On Friday, January 21, 2011 the Greenville Police Department launched its very own [Facebook page](#). We would like everyone to visit and reference a wide variety of useful information. Our page contains links which will allow members of the public to report tips on crime, review unsolved cases, search for employment opportunities, and obtain updates on traffic and emergency situations. The Police Department hopes our journey into the realm of



“social networking” serves as a tool to be shared between citizens and law enforcement fighting crime and keeping each other informed. Please send us your feedback, and above all...be safe!

Chief Terri Wilfong

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Crime Response Team (CRT)



Sergeant Gamble



Officer Lane



Officer Cruell



Officer Hunter

The Greenville Police Department Crime Response Team (CRT) is a specialized team of officers who work closely with neighborhoods, apartment complexes and anywhere patterns of crime occur. The team was established in June 2008 by Chief Wilfong with a mission of targeting street level crime and utilizing community policing strategies in order to make long term improvements in communities. The CRT is part of the department's Vice and Narcotics Unit and utilizes specialized equipment and tactics to combat criminal activity. Although team members typically wear uniforms and drive marked vehicles they sometimes wear plain clothes, work undercover and conduct various specialized operations in order to combat crime and drug problems.

One of the primary goals of the CRT is to work closely with neighborhood residents to help reduce and eliminate problems. The team employs a wide variety of problem-

oriented strategies beyond conventional law enforcement tactics in order to identify and eliminate criminal and nuisance issues in neighborhoods. CRT officers work with, for example, Code Enforcement, the Greenville Housing Authority, Zoning, Traffic Engineering, Public Works, property management companies, apartment managers, Probation and Parole and the court system in order to address the underlying causes of criminal and nuisance activity. The teams ultimate goal is to make

long term improvements in our communities. An important part of the team's operation is working in partnership with community residents. The approach of using problem-oriented police strategies and partnering with community residents has proven to be a highly effective method of reducing crime and improving overall quality of life for residents of the City of Greenville.

Be On Lookout (BOLO)

One of the most frequent crimes in the city is auto breaking. Auto break-ins or auto thefts seem to occur with greater frequency where large groups of cars are parked for extended periods of time in places such as shopping centers, colleges, sporting events, movie complexes, and large apartment communities, but it can also occur when parked in front of your residence. These types of crime can occur anytime ~ at random on different days of the week and times of the day, depending on the locations. By following some of the simple precautions in the following section, you can help minimize your chance of becoming a victim of these types of crime. Always remember, even if nothing is taken from your vehicle but it has been broken into, please report this to the police immediately so that we can be aware of what is going in your area.

Crime Prevention & Safety Tips



Officer Palmer

As the Crime Prevention Specialist for the Greenville Police Department, my job is to act as the liaison between the neighborhoods and the police department. I provide various safety talks to the neighborhoods, local churches, organizations, and schools within the city limits. Given my training in CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Techniques, I conduct security surveys of both businesses and homes. For those that wish to schedule a talk or survey or to discuss any neighborhood event or concerns, all of my contact information is listed on page 4. I am also available via email at: cpalmer@greenville.gov.

Also, in each monthly newsletter, I will provide safety tips for the month, especially on crimes that may be featured in the BOLO section of the newsletter. For example, this month's BOLO was on Auto Breaking and Auto Theft. To help minimize your chances of becoming a victim of this, follow these tips: Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home; Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked - Put them in the trunk out of sight; Always park in high-traffic, well-lit areas, when possible; and never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle. To learn more about what you can do to protect your property, please visit us online at the [Greenville Police website](#) where you will find many more crime prevention tips and information.

Officers in Action

Detective Reider was investigating eight autobreakings with various items taken, including GPS's, iPods' and handguns. After obtaining video from downtown cameras showing the same vehicle in the area of the separate crimes, Detective Reider was able to identify the owner of the suspect vehicle and make an arrest.

Upon further investigation Detective Reider determined that another suspect was involved. With these two arrests Detective Reider was able to link both suspects to all eight auto break-ins.

Pet Safety in the City

The purpose of the Animal Control Unit is to provide animal control and enforcement services to the City of Greenville with the goal of maintaining the public's safety and health regarding animals in the city as well as to ensure animals are treated in a humane manner.

JoAnne Smythe has been an Animal Control Officer for the Greenville Police Department for 5 years. She is a nationally certified Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator.



(L) JoAnne Smythe and (R) Kristin Shorey visit the stables at Cleveland Park

JoAnne brings over 10 years of animal control experience to the Department and over 17 years of experience in the animal welfare field. She is a graduate of Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Kristin Shorey became an Animal Control Officer for the Police Department at the beginning of July 2010. Before joining, she studied at Clemson University, graduating with a Bachelor in Animal Science. She has attended training for the National Animal Control Academy.

Learn more online at www.greenville.police.gov

Did You Know?

Just some of the things you can find online at the Greenville Police website are:

- Recent Arrests and Wanted Individuals
- Bi-Weekly Crime Report for each City Patrol Beat
- Police News & Current Events
- Lists of Police Community Programs and Services
- Helpful Information for Victim of Crime
- Detailed Crime & Safety Tips
- Information Concerning Pets and Animals in the City
- Special Section for Concerned Parents on Drug Abuse, Gangs, and Internet Safety.
- Links to City Ordinances, Sex Offender Registry and many other Law Enforcement Information Resources



Our Neighborhood

The Greenville Police Department would like to provide space in our newsletter for use by our neighborhood associations. We invite you to submit articles and information that you believe will be of interest to your community and the City as a whole.

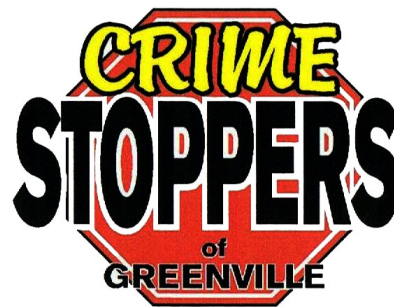
Use the “Our Neighborhood” section of the newsletter to announce upcoming events, recognize the accomplishments of residents, and share ideas on how communities throughout the City of Greenville can help improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Submissions along with contact information should be sent to Officer Palmer. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Let’s work together to make “Our Neighborhood” the best that it can be.



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- Non-Emergency Police Dispatch & Information: 271-5333
- Greenville Police Tip Line: 271-GCPD (4273)
- Front Desk: 467-5258
- Victim Services: 467-5373
- Investigations: 467-5342
- Uniform Patrol: 467-5325
- Special Events Coordinator: 467-5014
- City of Greenville Website: <http://www.greenvillesc.gov>
- Police Website: <http://www.police.greenvillesc.gov/>
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