



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Social Security Scam

We have heard from community members that they are receiving calls from someone pretending to work for the Social Security Administration. The caller demands payment and states that if they don't receive it, a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

The Social Security Administration likely would NOT contact you by phone and would NEVER threaten to have you arrested.

If you should receive such a call, or another scam scenario, here are some reminders:

- Never disclose personal information.
- Ask for more information and then verify that information with a local Social Security office or Police Department.
- Beware of any urgent solicitation of funds, especially if it is needed to pay for unexpected bills, such as bail money, lawyer's fees, or doctor bills.
- Scam artist's payment method of choice is the wire transfer, money order, or gift cards. Any urgent request to wire money should be treated suspiciously.
 - In the gift card method the scammer asks you to purchase gift cards then give the gift card number to them or the supposed officer.
- Be aware that fraudsters attempting scams may call late at night to confuse potential victims.
- Consumers who have been victims of this scam should immediately report it to local law enforcement, their state attorney general and NCL's Fraud Center at Fraud.org.
- Your Maple Valley Police Department is also a great resource to get to the truth of the matter. Please call 425-413-5158.

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Prepare for Winter Driving

More snow is in our [forecast!](#)



Protect yourself and your passengers. Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather. It takes only one unprepared or careless driver to slow or stop traffic.

Practice the following:

- Drive for conditions - slower speeds, slower acceleration.
- Check to see if you have [traction tires](#).
- Know what the [traction advisories](#) mean.
- [Watch a video](#) to learn how to install tire chains
- Do not use cruise control.
- Four-wheel and all-wheel vehicles **do not** stop or steer better on ice.
- Leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. And remember, the larger the vehicle, the longer the stopping distance.
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges, or shady spots.
- If you find yourself behind a snowplow, slow down and give the plow a little extra room.
- Slow down and be extra cautious near the chain-up and removal areas. There are often people out of their vehicles.





COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY 2019

DATES: Thursdays, March 28 - May 30

TIME: 6 - 9 pm

WHERE: Lake Wilderness Lodge
Maple Valley

Note: There will be 1 -2 Saturday and offsite sessions;
dates to be determined.

Visit [Facebook.com/MapleValleyPolice](https://www.facebook.com/MapleValleyPolice) or
[King County Sheriff, Precinct 3](http://www.kingcountysheriff.com/precinct3) website
for application and details.

Contact Micki Christensen at [206/477-6428](tel:2064776428) or
Robin Larsen at [425/413-5158](tel:4254135158) for more info.



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THIS FREE PROGRAM

Learn and gain insights to your local law enforcement through this 10-week Community Police Academy. The classes are presented by our most experienced officers and detectives. You'll also have interactive courses so you can experience first-hand what law enforcement trains for. Presentations may include:

- K-9 Tracking
- Major Crimes
- Human Trafficking
- KCSO Range/SWAT
- Patrol Functions
- Green River Task Force

Candidates 18 and older with a clean criminal background will be selected for the Academy. Class size is limited to 25 so apply today.



As a victim of crime your safety is important to us. When you report a crime it could bring the person who committed the crime to justice. It can also help to prevent further crimes and protect others from becoming victims, in addition to possibly help solve your case or another case.

All crimes and anti-social behavior have a negative effect and reporting them can help the problem be addressed. The information we collect also assists us in directing our extra patrols in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for your neighborhood.

You can file your non-emergent police report online

The Maple Valley Police contracts police services with the King County Sheriff's Office and offers the option of filing your non-emergent police report online. This option is available for citizens who live in Unincorporated King County or in any of the participating cities the King County Sheriff's Office provides police services for. When you file your qualifying report using our website, once it has been approved you will be able to print a copy of your report absolutely free!

You May File Online If The Crime:

- Is not an emergency
- Is not in-progress
- Occurred in Unincorporated King County or within city limits of participating agencies
- There are no known suspects
- No evidence was left behind
- This did not occur on a freeway
- Did not occur on Metro or Sound Transit
- You are the victim of the crime
- You have a valid email address

Reports may be filed in English, Cambodian, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Online reporting is available at: www.ReportToSheriff.org

If your crime does not meet the requirements listed above, please call (206) 296-3311 so they may help you with your report.

Crime Statistics

Crimereports.com (the website KCSO uses to share crime data with the public) is temporarily unavailable as of October, 2018. KCSO is actively working with the Crimereports.com team to set up an interface with our newly deployed records management system that went live in July. To accomplish this task, the vendor was required to wipe out the data that was displayed from our previous record management system dating back to July, 16th 2018 and prior.

We expect KCSO's crime data to be available again in the very near future and apologize for any issues this may have caused.

The Sheriff's Office publishes annual statistical crime reports for unincorporated King County, the cities that contract for our services, the Muckleshoot Tribe, and King County Metro Transit. Archival reports are available upon request. You can make your request here: [Records Request](#)

Members of the Maple Valley Police Department were recognized for their accomplishments in 2018. We are honored to have them on our team!



Sergeant Thomas Collins

~ Not pictured, Josh Lerum, Deputy of the Year ~



Explorer Matthew Toscano