



February 2025

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Beat 1



**Sergeant Collin Klein**

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### Stay Safe This Winter!

As the winter season is in full effect and temperatures begin to drop, it's important to take extra precautions to stay safe. Dress warmly in layers to protect against the cold and prevent hypothermia. Even in the cooler weather, it is important to stay hydrated. When shoveling snow, take breaks to avoid overexertion and watch for signs of frostbite. Keep your home heated and ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Remember to clear ice and snow from walkways to prevent slips and falls. When in icy or slippery conditions, wear shoes with good traction and walk like a penguin with arms out for balance and taking small slow steps to avoid falls. Be extraordinary and check on your vulnerable neighbors to ensure they are safe and warm too. And finally, keep an eye on weather updates and heed any issued warnings or advisories.

## Beat 2



**Sergeant Eric Pagels**

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### Scrape Those Windows

It is not only illegal to drive with frosted over windows, it is also extremely dangerous. With the cold winter nights comes the burden of cleaning off your ice-covered windows each morning. Motorists who drive watching the road thru a small defrosted viewing area can cause many accidents. To save time in the morning, place a piece of cardboard or rug over your windshield before you go to bed. When you go to work in the morning, simply peel off the covering and you're ready to safely drive to work. Take the time to scrape your windows clear of ice and snow for a safe driving experience.



## Beat 3



**Sergeant Doug Knoll**

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm  
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I wanted to take a moment and highlight the current work our patrol officers are conducting to better interact with the community and especially the students of our local schools. Each week, officers have been stopping by each school in the community, conversing with staff, and engaging with various students. If you see an officer and an extra police presence around your children's school please don't be alarmed, as it doesn't always indicate something is wrong. We encourage you and your children to say hello, and spend some time talking with your local officer.

## Beat 4



**Sergeant Hank Bradtke**

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm  
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### Beware of Romance Scams Ahead of Valentine's Day

As Valentine's Day approaches, it is likely scammers will exploit individuals online who may be looking for companionship or romance this time of year.

Recent data reported in the 2021 Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) annual report showed that South Carolinians lost \$6.8 million dollars to confidence fraud and romance scams that year. Although 2022 data has not been released, it is expected there will be increased reported losses due to recent upward trends.

Cyber criminals use any information they can find about you to gain your trust, build a relationship, and ultimately steal your money or personal identifiable information (PII)

The following are examples of common red flags of romance scams, as well as tips to better protect yourself.

#### Common Romance Scam Red Flags:

- The scammer makes promises to meet in person but gives excuses as to why they can't.
- The scammer will ask for money once they gain your trust. Typically, they explain they have an owed debt, need financial assistance, or they ask for travel funds.
- The scammer will request money through methods that make it hard to be traced and hard to get back.
- The scammer may ask to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.



# February EVENTS

- ♦ Feb 2nd — Groundhog Day
- ♦ Feb 14th — Valentine's Day
- ♦ Feb 19th — President's Day  
(Village Offices closed)



The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by taking icy dips into Illinois waters. In 2025, the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics Illinois will be hosting Polar Plunges across the state. Special Olympics Illinois provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, as well as in health education, leadership, and personal development.

This year's Plunge will take place on March 2, 2025, @ noon at Main Beach, Crystal Lake.



The Streamwood Police Department's Polar Plunge Team – SPD Ice Breakers would appreciate your support! Simply visit the Law Enforcement Torch Run Special Olympics page at:

<https://support.soill.org/SPDIceBreakers>

The team hopes to raise \$2,500 this year to help send these worthy athletes to the Illinois Special Olympics. Be “cool” and join us in supporting Special Olympics.







## Streamwood Community



The Streamwood Police Department is joining the Streamwood Fire Department who are hosting a St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser on March 9th, 2025, from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at the Chicago Loop Sports Bar & Grill (7 W Streamwood Blvd, Streamwood). This fundraiser will raise money for lifesaving childhood cancer research.

### Here are some ways your gift makes a difference:

- \$50 provides two hours of a clinical trial, often a child's best hope for a cure
- \$100 covers a student to work in a pediatric oncology research lab for one week
- \$250 allows for ten hours of research to improve patient and survivor quality of life



Another way to help – you can also donate your business' products or services to be used in the raffle or silent auction. 100% the proceeds from this event will go directly to this fundraiser. We hope you can join us as members of our police and fire department "Brave the Shave". Thank you so much for being a hero to kids with cancer. Together, we will make a difference!

Should you desire to participate or donate, or seek further information on this specific event, feel free to visit the following link for the Police Department team.

SPD TEAM KOJAKS <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/139263/2025>





# SNOW / COLD WEATHER



The weather in Illinois can change quickly, especially during the winter season. Strong winter storms can easily bring large amounts of snow and ice, along with blowing snow and whiteout conditions.

Exposure to the outside cold temperatures, vehicle accidents caused by slick roads, or fires resulting from the improper use of heaters, many people are injured or killed each year as a direct result of winter weather. Winter storms range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a massive blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days.

The greatest snowfall on record from a single storm was 27.9 inches measured near Waukegan in Lake County, from January 3-5, 2015.

## TIPS FOR SNOW/COLD WEATHER

- Dress in layers by wearing several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow as it can increase the risk of a heart attack. Take frequent breaks and stay hydrated.
- Make sure your home heating system serviced professionally to ensure that it is clean and working/ventilated properly.
- Check your smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. The dangers of CO poisoning is greater during winter storms when doors and windows stay closed and fireplaces and gas heaters are in use.
- You can also be exposed to deadly CO levels when “warming up” your car in the garage or when snow covers your tail pipe.
- Home preparation should include insulation, caulking, and weather stripping.
- Check road conditions before setting out ([gettingaroundillinois.com](http://gettingaroundillinois.com)) and keep your vehicle fueled up.
- A winter travel preparedness kit could include a cell phone charger, blankets, extra clothing, jumper cables, flashlights with extra batteries, water, and high-calorie, non-perishable food.

**Ready.Illinois.gov**







# SPD in the Community



D.A.R.E. Officers Ed & Juan along with K9 officer Mary and comfort dog Hope attended Poplar Creek Library's Paws and Read. Hope loved making new friends and joining other comfort dogs at the event.



## 2025 Beat Meetings

### Beats 1 & 3

Tuesday April 22  
Thursday June 26  
Thursday August 21  
Tuesday October 7

### Beats 2 & 4

Tuesday April 15  
Tuesday June 24  
Thursday August 14  
Tuesday October 14

All Meeting are currently scheduled for 7pm @ the Police Station

For more information visit the village website [HERE](#)





**Officer Dennis O'Shea**



February's Spotlight Employee of the Month is Officer Dennis O'Shea. Officer O'Shea has served the Streamwood Police Department for 9 years. He has worked nightshift, as a TAC detective, and is currently assigned to Sgt. Knoll's dayshift where one of his specialties is as an evidence technician.

Officer O'Shea's supervisors have noted his diligence regarding evidence collection, especially pertaining to the processing of stolen vehicles; that he routinely goes above and beyond expectations. Recently his efforts in processing a stolen vehicle resulted in DNA identification of an offender. In a separate case, he lifted a finger print from a stolen vehicle, which was used to identify the offender. The leads generated by his diligence would not have otherwise existed. These are just two examples of the excellent work he does on a daily basis.

Officer O'Shea's diligence and hard work are admirable, and he deserves to be recognized as "One of Streamwood's Finest"!



# POLICE SOCIAL SERVICES



## The “5 Love Languages”

Dr. Gary Chapman identified “5 Love Languages” that influence and affect how we perceive other people’s feelings towards us. The “5 Love Languages” apply to romantic and non-romantic relationships, such as the one between a child and their parent, siblings, or friends. Simply put, one does not need to be in a relationship to benefit from Dr. Chapman’s research. *Without further adieu, the “5 Love Languages” are:*



♥ **Words of Affirmation:** People feel most loved when the person they love uses their words to express their feelings, i.e. receiving an unsolicited, sincere, compliment.

♥ **Physical Touch:** People feel most loved when the person they love is utilizing appropriate touch to express themselves, i.e. a child hugging their parent.

♥ **Acts of Service:** People feel most loved when those they love perform meaningful acts for them i.e. changing the oil on their car.

♥ **Receiving Gifts:** People feel most loved when receiving a thoughtful gift from someone they love, i.e. a handmade item referencing a shared experience.

♥ **Quality Time:** People feel most loved while the person they love is giving them their undivided attention, i.e. eating a meal without looking at phones.

## THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

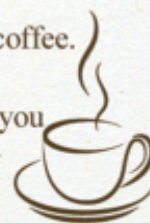
*Affirmation:* Your coffee is delicious.

*Acts of Service:* I made you coffee.

*Receiving Gifts:* Here’s a coffee.

*Quality Time:* Let’s go get a coffee.

*Physical Touch:* Let me hold you like a coffee.





# POLICE SOCIAL SERVICES

February is often regarded as the month of love. Something as simple as grocery shopping can flood our eyes with various shades of pinks, reds, and hearts of different sizes. This can be a hard season for some people. Regardless of relationship status, humans are social beings. We have needs and wants that affect our interactions with other people. Simply put, different people give and receive love differently. Dr. Chapman's research can be used as a guide when we evaluate our relationships.

	HOW TO COMMUNICATE	ACTIONS TO TAKE
Words of Affirmation	Encourage, affirm, appreciate, empathize. Listen actively.	Send an unexpected note, text, or card. Genuinely encourage, and often.
Physical Touch	Non verbal - use body language and touch to express love	Hug, kiss, hold hands, show physical affection often. Make intimacy a thoughtful priority.
Receiving Gifts	Thoughtfulness, make your spouse a priority, speak purposefully.	Give thoughtful gifts and gestures. Small things matter in a big way. Express gratitude when receiving a gift.
Quality Time	Uninterrupted and focused conversations. One-on-one time is critical.	Create special moments together, take walks and do small things with your partner. Weekend getaways are huge.
Acts of Service	Use action phrases like "I'll help...". They want to know you're with them, partnered with them.	Do chores together or make them breakfast in bed. Go out of your way to help alleviate their daily workload.

*For more information and to access a free "What's Your Love Language" quiz, please visit: <https://5lovelanguages.com/>*

To access information and referrals, contact either one of the Police Department's Social Workers.

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