



April 2025

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Beat 1



**Sergeant Collin Klein**

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**April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month.** In coordination with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, our department urges citizens to drive responsibly. Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use — specifically, texting, talking, and social media use — has become the most common distraction. Other risky actions include adjusting the radio or GPS, applying makeup, eating and drinking. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter" to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps while driving. Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

The Police Department will have extra officers on the roads throughout April conducting education through enforcement; funded by federal traffic safety funds from the NHTSA and administered by IDOT.

## Beat 2



**Sergeant Eric Pagels**

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### National Work Zone Awareness Week

Although being mindful of work zones EVERY day of the week, April 21-25 highlights the need for drivers to be hyper-aware as they approach work zones. Those working along the roadways are dads, moms, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives. They are doing their job and we all need to ensure their safety as they put themselves out into sometimes dangerous situations along busy roadways. Pay attention to the orange diamond-shaped signs or electronic signs Stay alert and make sure you are aware of all of the surroundings to include people and equipment Minimize distractions. Don't answer a call and don't change your radio while traveling through a work zone. Drive slowly and carefully and always obey the posted speed limits.



## Beat 3



**Sergeant Doug Knoll**

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm  
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With tax season underway, I wanted to make a moment to provide some recommendations on how to protect yourself from tax identity theft. In coordination with the Federal Trade Commission, please see some steps provided below:

- If you use tax preparation software like TurboTax, secure your account using two-factor authentication.
- Don't give your personal information to someone who calls, emails, or texts and says they're with the IRS. It could be a scammer impersonating the IRS to steal your information. If you need to contact the IRS, and/or confirm the authenticity of a request, call them at 1-800-829-1040.
- Keep your tax records and Social Security card in a safe place. Be cautious as to who you provide this private information to.
- When you decide to get rid of your tax records, shred them.

## Beat 4



**Sergeant Hank Bradtke**

Hours 5:30am—5:30pm  
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### Warmer Weather

It's so nice to be able to get out and enjoy a great day, warm temperatures and sunshine. Many people are out and about with something or another to do, generally in or on some type of vehicle to get from here to there. We need to keep in mind that not all vehicles are big and easily seen while driving.

The time is right for motorcycles to make their appearance on the roads once again. A motorcycle rider utilizes different skills than the driver of a car, and we as drivers need to be aware of that. Motorcycles are heavy pieces of equipment that can be challenging to maneuver for a split-second reaction to a traffic situation.

Just a friendly reminder that we need to share the road. When we drive we need to have eyes everywhere in order to keep everyone safe, that includes motorcycle riders, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Let's have a safe Spring and Summer!





# April EVENTS

April 1st

April Fool's Day

April 16th

Emancipation Day

April 21st

Easter



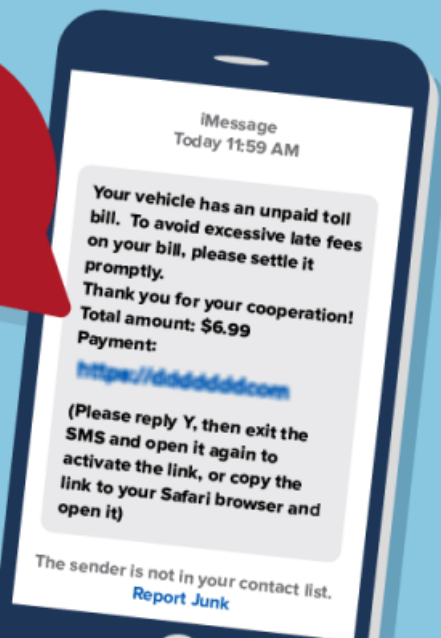
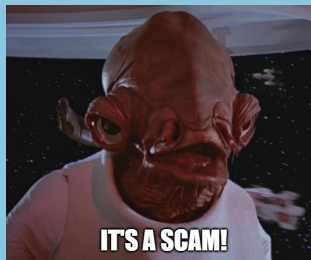
Officers from Sgt. Knoll's shift worked together to remove a fallen tree from Bartlett Road following a storm.





Got a text  
telling you to  
pay “overdue  
toll charges”?

**It's probably  
a scam.**



## Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



**Alert Number: I-041224-PSA  
April 12, 2024**

### Smishing Scam Regarding Debt for Road Toll Services

Since early-March 2024, the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received over 2,000 complaints reporting smishing<sup>1</sup> texts representing road toll collection service from at least three states. IC3 complaint information indicates the scam may be moving from state-to-state.

(State Toll Service Name): We've noticed an outstanding toll amount of \$12.51 on your record. To avoid a late fee of \$50.00, visit <https://myturnpiketollservices.com> to settle your balance.

The texts claim the recipient owes money for unpaid tolls and contain almost identical language. The "outstanding toll amount" is similar among the complaints reported to the IC3. However, the link provided within the text is created to impersonate the state's toll service name, and phone numbers appear to change between states.

If you receive one of these texts, the following is suggested:

1. File a complaint with the IC3, [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) be sure to include:
  1. The phone number from where the text originated.
  2. The website listed within the text
2. Check your account using the toll service's legitimate website.
3. Contact the toll service's customer service phone number.
4. Delete any smishing texts received.
5. If you clicked any link or provided your information, take efforts to secure your personal information and financial accounts. Dispute any unfamiliar charges.



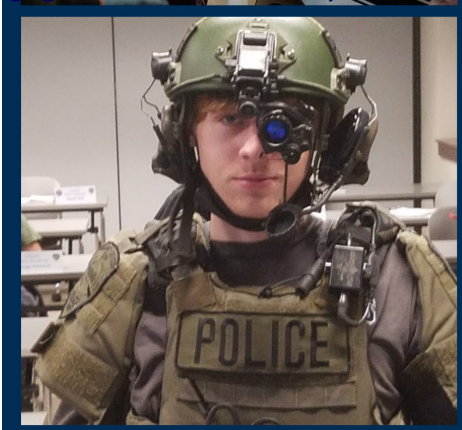
# JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



The Streamwood Police Department is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 5th annual Junior Police Academy Camp this summer at the Police Department.



The Junior Police Academy Camp will be held at the Streamwood Police Department over 5 days this summer from Monday, June 9th to Friday, June 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If there is enough demand, we may host a 2nd camp July 14-18. This fun **FREE** camp will include activities such as: Simulated Crime Scene Investigation and Evidence Collection techniques, Simulated Traffic Stops as well as a number of fun activities designed to engage our Officers with your Child.



Topics discussed in the camp will include: Internet Safety, Bicycle safety, Introduction to Patrol Operations and Investigations and Introduction to Specialized Police Units within the department i.e., K-9 and comfort dogs, SWAT procedures, Police Social Workers and the police drone program. Participants must be entering 6th or 7th. Any questions should be directed to Sgt. Pat Silver at 630-736-3762 or [psilver@streamwood.org](mailto:psilver@streamwood.org).

Apply online [HERE](#).







# Streamwood Community



McTeacher Night at the Streamwood McDonalds was supported by the Bear Family in helping Hanover Countryside Elementary school with their school fundraiser. School staff and Streamwood Police came out to support the school in the fun community event. Chief Taylor crushed the drive through orders as he exemplified servant-leadership.



President Roth, police officers, and firefighters attended the Boys & Girls Club St. Patrick's Day party at Sunnydale Elementary School.







# March Fundraising

The Streamwood Police Department was proud to take part this year in raising money for the Illinois Special Olympics. Several officers took part in raising over \$1,200 for Special Olympics.



## St. Baldrick's



Thank you to all those who came out to the St Baldrick's event, and for all those that donated. SPD Kojaks team raised nearly \$3,000. The event itself raised \$26,000 for children's charity.

The funds our SPD team raised will help pay for kids to be treated on a clinical trial as part of a cooperative research grant to the Children's Oncology Group. This funding helps more than 200 hospitals conduct clinical trials so more kids can get cutting-edge treatment close to home.







# Community Events



Officers Lopez, Mendez, and Garcia spoke about serving in the Police Department at the Park District's EmpowHer Fit Fest on March 7th.



Officer Mary and D.A.R.E. Officer Ed, along with K-9 Hope attended the last PAWS & read event of the season. They look forward to resuming their library trips in the fall.







**Officer Moreno**



April's Spotlight Employee of the Month is Officer Frank Moreno. Officer Moreno has been with the Department for over 16 years and is currently assigned to a day shift patrol team. Officer Moreno possesses a wealth of knowledge regarding violent crime, financial, and drug related investigations, and is a certified forensic cellular phone evidence examiner. His experience and expertise are an asset to the department and the Village.

Officer Moreno is currently transitioning from a specialty position to patrol and has done so with nothing but professionalism. His direct supervisor, Sgt. Knoll describes him as a resource for the shift and applauds his positive attitude and willingness to succeed.

Officer Moreno is being recognized for his determination and commitment to serving the citizens of Streamwood, and he deserves to be recognized as "One of Streamwood's Finest"!



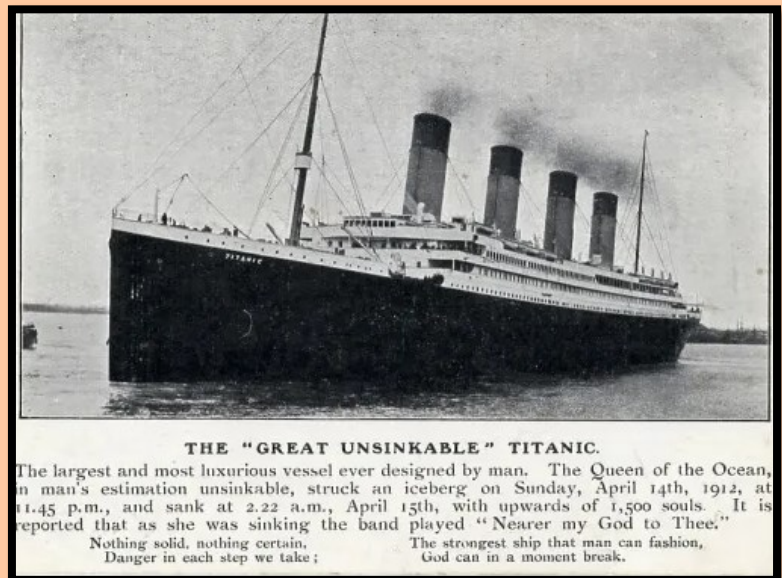
# ECHOS OF THE PAST

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***April 15th marks the 113th anniversary of the infamous sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic. While the last survivor died in 2009, many remain captivated by the Titanic, perhaps largely due to James Cameron's movie adaptation.***

- R.M.S. is a designation for "Royal Mail Ship," an accreditation permitting cruise lines (such as White Star Line,) to carry mail
- Constructed in Belfast, Ireland, The Titanic set sail on it's maiden voyage on April 10th 1912 from Southampton, England, anticipating port in New York City
- Regarded for its size and opulence, the cruise liner appealed to many of society's elite; Captain Edward J. Smith was regarded as the "Millionaires' Captain," because of his popularity among wealthy passengers
- While sailing through the Atlantic, around 23:40, the Titanic hit an iceberg on its Starboard side (right hand side when facing the front) around 400 nautical miles off the coast of Newfoundland, filling the watertight compartments with water
- At 02:20 on April 15th, the stern, having split into pieces, submerged underwater, sinking The Titanic; throwing hundreds of people into the freezing water
- Approximately 1,500 people died, totaling 68% of the people on board
- For those wondering, a 1st class suite in today's money would likely cost upwards of \$133,000.00



**FUN FACT:** *James Cameron has conceded that both Jack and Rose could have fit on the door.*

**If you ever feel like you're "sinking", our social workers are just a call away ☺**