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★★ Police Chief's Corner

TOPIC: Summer Safety and Security Concerns



School will be out in a couple of weeks which serves as our annual alarm to once again begin paying attention to "**Summer Safety/Security**" concerns.

Please pay strict attention to the "**Speed Limits**" in our residential community. A survey conducted by the Police Department indicated that the majority of our citizens have very little tolerance for cars speeding around their children. Be prepared and respond and quickly to the data displayed by our Speed Trailer. Be constantly aware that many of our active citizens (kids, joggers and bike riders) are traveling on or routinely crossing our trails and roadways. Keep your speed under control and be prepared to give them the right-of-way. In general, be careful and watch your speed; **HVPD officers will be particularly vigilant during the summer months** in observing and enforcing the city's speed limits in order to ensure the safety of not only our children but everyone in our city.

Underage Use of Alcohol - It is illegal for anyone under the age of twenty-one to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, consume (except in the presence of their parent or guardian), become intoxicated by or drive under the influence of alcoholic beverages. If you're underage and consume alcohol, the penalties may not be worth it. Not only do you risk being cited or arrested, you run the risk of your driver's license being suspended and your educational opportunities being damaged. As always, we rely heavily upon parents to assist us with managing this growing problem. **Parents, please speak to your children** about the use and consequences of underage drinking. And remember that under the guidelines of the departments "Police Involving Parents, PIP" program, parents will be called to the scene of an underage drinking situation (day or night) and allowed to participate in a resolution that will assure that the problem doesn't occur a second time.

Criminal Mischief - These type of offenses normally increase during the summer months and range from simply toilet papering a residence and graffiti to the destruction of property. The consequences can be as small as a citation or as significant as jail time. Every year HVPD officers answer countless Criminal Mischief calls; most of these are reported in the early morning hours. Day shift officers may spend the entire first part of their shift cleaning up the mess created by one or two individuals. The bottom line is, if you intentionally or knowingly damage or destroy another's property, cause financial loss or substantial inconvenience or make marks, slogans, and initials on another person's property, you have

CALENDER OF EVENTS

- **May 5: Cinco De Mayo**
- **May 11: Mother's Day**
- **May 26: Memorial Day**
City offices closed
- **June 7: Red White & Blues Festival**
- **June 14: HVPD Bike Run**
- **July 4: July 4th Holiday**
City offices closed
- **July 12: Scooter Training**

Visit our website for more information about any of the above events.

Crime Tip Line

(972) 317-TIPS
(8477)

1000 Highland Village Rd.
Highland Village, TX 75077
(972) 317-6551 (non-emergency)
(972) 317-8974 (fax)
www.hvpd.com

committed Criminal Mischief. **Parents, please speak to your children** regarding the ramifications of becoming involved in Criminal Mischief offenses. Once again, you will be called to the scene to assist officers with addressing the problem (day or night) if your child is involved in minor "Class C" Criminal Mischief activities.

Curfew – Parents please be aware that curfew restrictions apply to anyone within the city limits 16 years of age or younger. Curfew begins at 12:00 am on any Saturday (Friday night) or Sunday (Saturday night) and ends at 6:00 am. The hours Sunday through Thursday are 11:00 pm through 6:00 am. There are certain exceptions to the ordinance, primarily, that a minor was in route, or using the most direct route, to or from the following:

- a. A place of the minor's employment;
- b. A restaurant, library, Movie Theater, store or other place of public accommodation;
- c. A play, dance, sporting event or other event of public entertainment;
- d. A church, meeting hall, school, courthouse or other place of public assembly or worship; or
- e. An emergency errand.

The Highland Village Police Departments "model of policing" is one of vigilant prevention. We will use every opportunity to prevent these types of offenses through the use of surveillance cameras, saturation patrols, infrared/night-vision equipment and education. However, by far the best prevention isstrong parental awareness/involvement in the activities of their children and better choices by those who may be tempted to become involved in activities that are prohibited by our laws.

Let's all try to make this the safest summer our community has ever enjoyed. Thanks for your help. *Ed*

Citizen Fingerprinting

The Highland Village Police Department provides fingerprinting for applications, adoptions, background investigations, and more. In order to use this service you must:

- Be a resident of Highland Village.
- Have a state issued photo identification.



Although there is no charge for this service, fingerprinting is only available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11am-3pm.

Scooter Training

The next training is scheduled for:

**Saturday
July 12, 2008**

**Pre-registration
is required!**

Contact Sergeant Sheri Morrison at (972)317-7998 or download the registration form on the website.



STOP! TAKE 3 TO SEE is an HVPD cooperative campaign designed to educate motorists about the correct way to observe **STOP** signs. The steps are as follows:

1. Come to a full and complete stop.
2. Look left.
3. Look right.
4. Look left again to make sure all is clear before proceeding.
5. Thus, **STOP! TAKE 3 TO SEE.**

Remember to take advantage of our **Vacation Watch** program. Highland Village police officers will patrol your home while you are gone. Officers look for any signs of unusual activity or suspicious persons loitering near your home. Visit our website to download a vacation watch form. You can fill it out and fax it to us or drop it by the department 24/7.

CELLS ON TRAILS



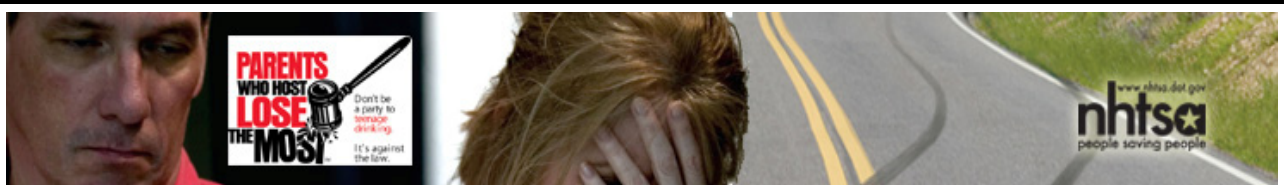
Highland Village Police Department
(972) 317-6551

In an effort to promote a safer environment on the City's new Inland Trail System, the Police Department has started the "Cells on Trails" program to encourage people who use the trail for fitness and recreational activities to carry a cell phone with them.

This program is being combined with the trail marker system to help ensure that any person using the trail can quickly be located in the event of an emergency, injury or any other reason.



If everyone using the trail system would program the Police Department's non-emergency number (972-317-6551) in their cell phone, they can quickly call the police if they need assistance. Signs with the phone number have been placed at stop signs throughout the trail system.



Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

Many well-meaning parents think that it is enough to take away car keys at their teen's parties so the teens can't drink and drive. It is illegal, unsafe, and unhealthy for anyone under age 21 to drink alcohol.

- Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends under any circumstances are breaking the law.
- Parents who knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted.
- Parents can be sued if they give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.

More information about "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" is available at <http://www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org>.