



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Important Numbers:

- * **Emergency 911**
- * **Non-Emergency**
703-777-1021
703-777-0445
- * **Poison Control**
1-800-222-1222
- Animal Control**
703-777-0406
- * **Sheriff's Office Admin**
703-777-0407
- * **Narcotic Tip Line**
703-779-0552
- * **Crime Solvers**
703-777-1919

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LCSO on Twitter and Facebook

In an effort to further reach out to the community the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office announced the agency is now on Facebook and Twitter. Members of the Facebook community are encouraged to become a fan of the Sheriff's Office page on Facebook (search Loudoun County Sheriff's Office). For those who prefer to receive tweets, you can follow the agency at www.twitter.com/loudounsheriff. The agency has integrated the Alert Loudoun system with the two social media sites. Alerts issued through the system will appear as status updates on the Facebook fan page and be sent as tweets through Twitter. The Alert Loudoun system currently has over 60-thousand subscribers but the Loudoun Sheriff's Office is using the social media sites in an attempt to reach out to a wider audience.



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TRIAD/S.A.L.T EVENT

The Loudoun County TRIAD and the Loudoun SALT Council will be sponsoring a Senior Education Event on March 11, 2010 at the Cascades Senior Center. This event will focus on helping seniors avoid being victimized by criminals that commit fraud via home repair scams. The event will include a short class on these types of crimes. Afterwards the

class participants will be able to go to interactive booths where they will demonstrate what they have learned in simulated exercises. This class is open to all senior citizens and all are encouraged to attend. The class will be held on Wednesday March 11th at 10:45am at the Cascades Senior Center located at 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, Virginia.



Frequently Asked Questions

If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to
Nathaniel.Payne@loudoun.gov or James.Spurlock@loudoun.gov

Solicitor Regulations

With the warming weather communities will see an increase in solicitors in our area. In many cases these businesses and/or organizations are legitimate and are providing their customers a service. In other cases these businesses and or organizations are less than scrupulous and use high pressure sales tactics and intimidation to make sales or collect donations.

All solicitors that operate inside the county are required to register with the Sheriff's Office. As part of this registration a background check is completed and information on the employer is obtained.

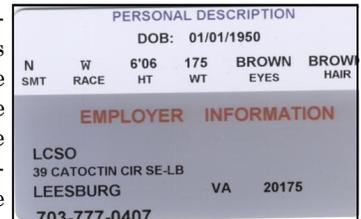
Through this process, anyone approved to solicit is issued an identification card showing they are a registered solicitor. (See Pictures). All solicitors are required to display these credentials, and upon request, provide it to any person they are contacting as a solicitation for business.

In addition to registering and tracking wouldbe solicitors this process also hold solicitors to a code of conduct Should a solicitor violate this code of conduct then their privilege will be revoked and they will not be authorized to solicit within Loudoun County for a period of one year.

This code of conduct can be found online at: www.loudoun.gov

Any person who witnesses a violation of this code of conduct or encounters a solicitor who refuses to provide their county issued solicitor permit or does not have a permit should contact the Sheriff's Office at the non-emergency number and report the incident immediately. Deputies will follow up and check the area for the solicitor. If the case warrants, deputies have the option to issue a summons for a violation of the county solicitor ordinance.

Solicitor License ID Card:



Construction Site Larcenies

There continues to be a surge in construction site larcenies throughout the county. Construction sites can be the target of thieves for a number of reasons from building supplies to copper metal. Most work sites do not do work after dark due to the safety risk and lack of lighting. The crime prevention unit suggest that if a citizen observes persons on a work site or around areas of construction in the evening after dark that they call the Sheriff's Office and

report the activity. Deputies will come out to the site and check to see if the persons are legitimate workers or would be thieves. Putting a stop to this activity will help deter other types of crime from finding their way into your neighborhood

Remember:
When in doubt call it in!
703-777-1021



Upcoming Events

- March 10th at 7pm: Lansdowne Potomac Club - Burglary Prevention**
- March 11th at 10:45am: Cascades Senior Center - Senior Education Event: Home Repair Scams**
- March 20th at 10:00am: Loudoun Valley Estates, 43636 Lucketts Bridge Circle- Home Security**
- March 20th at 100pm: Kirkpatrick Farms, 25520 Summerall Dr.- Identity Theft**
- April 5th at 700pm: South Riding Unicorn Dr, Unicorn Dr.- Internet Safety for Parents**
- April 13th at 700pm: Ashburn Village, Woods Rec. Center- Identity Theft**