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Romeoville Police Department Dedicated to Resident's Safety

The Village of Romeoville is dedicated to providing services and programs to make Romeoville an even safer and better place to live. In order to accomplish our goal, we believe that police officers working in partnership with members of the community can have a positive influence on the quality of life within Romeoville.

The Romeoville Police Department is committed to assisting the community to be safe in all situations. With the approaching summer months, the following tips were compiled to contribute to the safety and security of residents:

- Keep doors and windows of your home, garage and car closed and locked. Many cars
 contain garage door openers that can allow access to your home if the garage is attached
 to the house.
- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have a lawn service or neighbor mow your lawn. In addition, the Romeoville Police Department offers a vacation check service for

Village residents. If a resident goes away on vacation a police officer can check their home up to 3 times per day to make sure it remains secure. The vacation request form can be completed and submitted online on our website at www.romeoville.org prior to departure. You may also pick up a paper form at the Police Department, at 1050 W Romeo Road, Romeoville, IL 60446.

- Be a good neighbor and alert Police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Contact the Police Department if you would like to coordinate a Neighborhood Watch Program in which residents are devoted to crime prevention within a neighborhood.
- The Romeoville Police Department has implemented an Anonymous Tip Line. Please call 815-886-8080 if you have information in regards to a crime. Please leave a message with as much information as possible. Do not use this phone number if you are requesting police assistance. Call 911 if you have an emergency or 815-886-7219 if your call is not an emergency.
- Always seek help if you are feeling unsafe or unsure of your surroundings and seek assistance if you have been a victim of crime. Consider having your local police station number programmed into your mobile phone.
- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.
- Provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it, as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.

By working collaboratively with the residents of the community, we are committed to reduce crime, enforce laws, preserve peace, and provide for a safe environment.