



Back to normal...ish

A Note from Major Hawkins

Bureau of Community Policing Commander, Brentwood Police

As summer winds down, it's time to consider how we will adjust as a community to our normal...ish routines. Kids in school, headed to the office every day, etc. There are some very basic safety items that we can keep in mind as we go forward into a new school year.

We are blessed to have a close-knit community wherein our schools are in our neighborhoods. This means kids walk and ride their bikes to school and will be on the roads at times you may not be used to them. Keep an eye out, keep the phones down, and go slow! We are taking speed enforcement very seriously in our neighborhoods to best protect our citizens.



As we enter into fall, hopefully sooner than later, also keep in mind the basic recommendations from your local police department. Lock your car doors, lock your homes, keep valuables out of sight, and call 911 when you see suspicious activity – no matter the time of day! We are a 24/7 service ☺

In the last month, your Brentwood Officers have identified three vehicles with suspects committing vehicle crimes and were able to

interrupt further criminal activity. We stand a better chance of locating more of these individuals when our community helps and calls on people or vehicles that are prowling the streets.

As I mentioned, our officers have ramped up their traffic enforcement efforts this calendar year and I'm pleased to say that trend continues. In addition to increased enforcement, the Brentwood Police Department will be designating an officer as our Community Response Officer in mid-late November, 2021. This CRO will navigate traffic enforcement issues, liaise with local retail and commercial businesses, and be plugged into the fight against workplace violence.

In case any of you saw our officers out and about on August 31, you may have seen us handing out free beverage and you-pick-two coupons from St. Louis Bread Co. We were also passing out literature from Shayley's Angels, a non-profit aimed to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Check out their website at shayleysangels.org.

Also, our most recent hire begins on September 3 and we are pleased to announce we are at full staff!

As always, stay safe, and call us if you see something suspicious. ★