



RPPD BULLETIN



Safe Driving

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



The Ridgefield Park Police Department would like to remind parents and other motorists to look for and obey traffic directions given by school crossing guards. The crossing guards are out there to save lives and should be obeyed as you would any police officer.

With this in mind, motorists should be reminded of those crossing guards in Bergen County and throughout this Country who have been struck and killed by motorists who failed to exercise extra caution during the hours schools are opening and closing.

Some of our own crossing guards have been struck and injured, one seriously, by this lack of due caution given by motorists.

We need to protect those people who protect our children, and make sure they are safe as they do so.

**PLEASE
PAY
ATTENTION
and
Drive Safely !!**

Once again, the Ridgefield Park Police Dept. would like to remind all parents to make this Halloween a safe and fun holiday by following a few simple tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council:

Children Should:

- ◆ Go to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- ◆ Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- ◆ Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- ◆ Cross Streets at the corner and use crosswalks, crossing in groups and remember to look both ways be-

- fore crossing.
- ◆ Bring treats home so they can be inspected before eating.
- ◆ Wear clothing and costumes that are bright, reflective and flame retardant.
- ◆ Consider using face paint instead of a mask.

Parents Should:

- ◆ Supervise the outing for children under age 12.
- ◆ Establish a curfew for older children, explaining the difference between tricks and van-dalism.
- ◆ Inspect all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- ◆ Check your child's costume for fit and safety. Can your child be seen

and can your child see in the costume. Visibility is crucial.

Drivers Should:

- ◆ Drive slowly!
- ◆ Watch for children in the streets and on medians.
- ◆ Exit driveways carefully.
- ◆ Be prepared for the unexpected child darting out into the street.

Parents and drivers working together can make Halloween a safe and happy experience.

REMEMBER:
Report any suspicious persons or treats to the police at once.

Happy Halloween !

**Ridgefield Park Police
(201) 641-6400 or 911**

CHILDREN AND COMPUTERS

Following some of these suggestions from staysafeonline.org may assist you in protecting your children and their data while on-line:

- 1) Keep your computer in a central and open location.
- 2) Discuss and set guidelines for computer use.
- 3) Use the internet

WITH your children.

- 4) Implement parental control tools provided by your service provider or purchase separate software.
- 5) Consider buying software that allows monitoring of email and web traffic.
- 6) Know who your

children's online friends are and supervise their chat areas.

- 7) Teach your children never to give out personal information.
- 8) If you know of a child that may be at risk, contact your local police department.

RPPD News

For
Emergencies
Dial
9-1-1

For
**Non-
Emergencies**
Dial
**(201)
641-6400**

A reminder:
*With the exception of
North Ave (35 MPH),
Railroad Ave and
Winant Ave/RT46 (40
MPH), the speed
limit on all Village
streets
is
25 MPH*

The Police Department bid farewell to a very important member of the department. Clerk **Lois Pesce** retired from our Records Bureau on June 30, 2007. Lois had been with the department for 27 years and served the Records Bureau through it's pre-computer days when call-for-service reports were created on a typewriter and had to be filed in multiple ways, through two computerized records management systems (surviving both of them) and leaving just as a third was coming on-line. We miss her sense of humor and wish her well in her retirement.

The Ridgefield Park Police Department would like to welcome a new officer. Recruit **Brian Lyons** is currently attending the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah. We wish him success in his rigorous police training and his new profession.

We would also like to welcome our new Records Bureau clerk **Cindy Abissi**. Cindy comes to us all the way from the RP Department of Health and Welfare on the second floor and now joins Linda Duncan in Records.

CROSSMATCH FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM



New at Police Headquarters is our recently installed "**Crossmatch Fingerprinting System**". This new "inkless" fingerprinting system not only eliminates the ink and the mess, but can electronically transmit the fingerprint impressions to State and Federal Agency systems. These transmitted impressions can then be compared with current law enforcement fingerprint databases allowing proper identification of suspects who have been previously arrested by other agencies. Within a month of it's installation, the system supplied our officers with the correct ID of a suspect who was under arrest and who had given the officers a false name. In less than an hour, his correct information was returned. Prior to the installation of this system, the same response would have taken weeks! This is truly a unique weapon in the war on crime!



**School is Open !!
Drive carefully !!!
Report Suspicious Persons !
Call **(201) 641-6400** or **Dial 911****