



RPPD BULLETIN



Spring 2010

Do's and Don'ts

Just a little reminder of what to do and what not to do in every day life to keep you and everyone who shares walkways and roadways safe.

DO stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

DON'T jay-walk, use crosswalks.

DO use a hands-free device if you need to use your cell phone while driving

DON'T text while driving.

DO observe posted speed limits.

DON'T pass a stopped school bus with emergency red lights activated.

DO look both ways before crossing a street.

DON'T assume that a driver can see you.

These may appear to be simple rules , but day in and day out many drivers and pedestrians fail to use the common sense that these rules require. Some end up with only a summons, others end up seriously injured or worse.

Whether walking or driving, keep alert and be aware of your surroundings.

Keep alert, Keep alive, Obey the law.

“IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU, WE CAN'T HELP YOU”

The Ridgefield Park Police Department needs **YOUR HELP**. Please make sure your house numbers are visible from the street. Emergency calls are always time-sensitive – the faster we can find your home, the sooner we can respond to your emergency. House numbers should be displayed within 3 feet of the front door (or the door to your home that is visible to the street) and should be in a contrasting color to the background (i.e. black letters on a white door). Numbers should be at

least four (4) inches in height and reflective if possible. Some people have their house numbers displayed at ground level on rocks or posts – but during the winter, snow can cover these numbers making them invisible to responders.

Take a look at your house when it's dark outside. Can you see your house number?

If you can't see it, neither can we.

Officer Michael Mullaney has been handing

out flyers to homes that lack house numbers with some very good response. But there are still some homes that lack any **VISIBLE** house number. So once again, we are asking you to check your home. In an emergency, every second counts!!

Any Questions contact Ptl. Michael Mullaney at (201) 641-4493 ext 642 or at mmullaney@rppd.org



Lost or Stolen Bicycles

Every so often, patrol units find an abandoned bicycle in remote areas of the Village. We also receive telephone calls reporting abandon bicycles found or left on various residents' properties.

These bicycles are brought to headquarters and added to a list of found bicycles maintained by the

RPPD Juvenile Bureau. The list is checked against all bicycles reported stolen in the Village as well as other stolen property databases. When no matches are found, the bicycles are stored for a period of time, then destroyed. We currently have **44** unclaimed bicycles in the inventory.

So if within the past four

years, your bicycle was lost or stolen and you have NOT reported it to this PD, please contact our Juvenile Detectives with a description and , if possible, a serial number.

Call 201 641-6400





RPPD Changes



For
Emergencies
Dial
9-1-1

For
Non-
Emergencies
Dial
(201)
641-6400

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Police Department and the Village of Ridgefield Park for allowing me to create and publish the RPPD Bulletin for 15 plus years. With my pending retirement, the reins will be taken over by Sergeant Art Jensen. I wish him well in this endeavor and know he is up to the task.

Lt. Dan Donnelly

There have been some recent assignment changes in the Department. The current Detective Bureau now consists of Detective-Sergeant Dan Hippe, Detective Anthony Sgroi and Detective Steve Sulborsky. The current Juvenile Bureau personnel are Detective Joe Rella and Detective Brian Hippe. Officer Al Locarno has been reassigned to and will be taking charge of the Traffic Bureau replacing Sergeant Jim Maglione who suffered a work-related injury and will soon be leaving us.

The Ridgefield Park Police welcome two new additions to their sworn ranks. Officer Gregory Powell and Officer Dale Madan recently graduated from the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah both having attended the Institute as Alternate Route candidates. Both officers graduated as Ridgefield Park Police members having been sworn in on January 12, 2010, three days before their graduation.

NEW FINGERPRINTING RULES

Effective February 1, 2010, various fingerprinting duties once handled by the RP Police Detective Bureau are now being performed at a third-party site called **“MorphoTrak”**

AFTER speaking with one of our detectives who will issue you a case number required by MorphoTrak, an

appointment can be set up with MorphoTrak at their website. Additionally, various fees must be paid to MorphoTrak when setting up your appointment, depending on the reason for the fingerprinting.

For Firearms Applications, you must still speak with a detective who will guide you further. An information

sheet is available at the police desk describing what must be done concerning firearms applications and where to obtain required forms..

Questions concerning new fingerprinting rules may also be directed to Det. Anthony Sgroi at 201 641-6400. Ext#134.

Watch for Children



With the warmer weather approaching, more children will be outside bicycle riding and playing. Drivers should be more attentive to their surroundings and the roadway. Distractions such as cell phone use (whether hands-free or not), radios, etc. should be kept to a minimum.

DRIVE SAFELY—BE ALERT !!!