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TOWN OF MANLIUS POLICE EXPLORER POST TAKE 2ND PLACE

On September 24th, 2011, The Town of Manlius Police Department Explorer Post participated in the 2011 New York Stations day held in Minoa, NY.

The Police Explorer post is made up of teenagers who have expressed an interest in a law enforcement career. The police explorers meet twice a month with police officers who conduct training and education regarding all aspects of police work. Upon completing specified training, the police explorers are permitted to help work Town of Manlius events and ride on a shift with a police officer.

Stations Day is an opportunity for explorer posts to get together and demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year. Explorers are assigned to a number of different scenarios

where they are critiqued in areas such as: officer safety and response, verbal communication, use of force, and how the explorer handled the situation.

Town of Manlius Police Officer Angela Palmer and Town of Camillus Police Officer Mike Schreyer were the forefront in organizing this state event. Many local business helped sponsor the explorers by providing food, venue and drinks to the participants.

The Town of Manlius Police Explorers trained many hours in preparation for September's event. Many police officers from the Town of Manlius, Town of Camillus, The Town of Colony and the Town of Amsterdam volunteered to help grade and critique the events. Parents and siblings of the explorers volunteered

as role players.

The Town of Manlius Police Explorer Post was awarded 2nd place overall in the competition and were also named in the following events:

- First Aid: 1st place**
- Physical Agility: 1st Place**
- Use of Force: 2nd place**
- Building Search: 2nd place**
- Felony Stop: 2nd place**
- Suspicious Person: 2nd place**
- DWI traffic stop: 2nd place**
- Career Development:: 2nd place**
- Police Mountain Bike: 3rd place**

Thank you to all the explorers for all their hard work and dedication to the Town of Manlius Police Department.



STAYING SAFE ON THE WINTER ROADS



We have been experiencing an atypical winter this year; however; the snow and ice will be arriving very soon. The best advice for bad weather driving is to not drive at all, if you can avoid it. No matter how experienced a driver is, winter driving can be a challenge.

Here are some winter driving safety tips:

1. Have your vehicle checked—Perform a standard tune-up and check your

battery, lights, heater, defroster, wipers (and fluid) and brakes.

2. Check your tires—inadequate tread will prevent you from stopping.

3. Clear off your car—ice and snow can impede your vision and others on the road.

4. Allow yourself extra time—A rushed driver is a bad driver.

5. Gentle does it—Avoid

harsh breaking, accelerating and sharp turning.

6. Carry a winter survival kit—Keep flares, blankets, shovels, etc. in your vehicle in case you get stranded.

And please remember to always wear your seat-belt!



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INTERNET SAFETY



Accessing the internet is like having the world's largest library at your fingertips. However; it can also be a dangerous place for your children if there are no rules or guidelines for its use.

The following are just a few safety tips for parents:

1. Know what devices in your household can access the internet and how to use them (eg. IPOD, cell phones, DSI, etc.) Don't forget about 'hotspots' in your area.

2. Devices capable of connecting to the internet should be in a common area of the household (kids should not have access to the internet in their rooms, unmonitored).

3. Get all of the passwords to your child's accounts (e-mail, Facebook, blogs, Twitter, etc.). This can also help assist law enforcement if a child is missing.

4. Educate your children on the dangers of talking to people they do not know and how to protect their personal information.

5. Learn instant messaging lingo (LOL, P911, ect.).

6. Educate children on the dangers of posting inappropriate pictures online and be aware of the webcam.

7. Consider using computer software to monitor and/or filter internet use.

Keep communication open with your children and encourage them to tell you when something makes them scared or uncomfortable.



Internet Safety



TEENS PROGRAM

Has your son or daughter recently been issued a license or permit? The Department of Motor Vehicles offers a parent notification program called Teen Electronic Event Notification Service (TEENS).

This program notifies the parent of a driver under the age 18 when specific events are added to the driver record of the teen. These events include: tickets, traffic violation convictions, driver license suspensions and certain

accidents. By staying aware of your teen's driving habits you can help take a more proactive role in their driver development.

There is no fee for the TEENS program. Parents can sign up for the program by using one of the following methods:

1. Enroll in TEENS online through the NYS DMV customer interface.



2. Complete the form MV-TEENS and submit the form to DMV.

3. Enroll in TEENS when an eligible young driver applies for their learner permit at any local DMV office with their parent or guardian.

For more information regarding this program, visit www.dmv.ny.gov or call your local DMV office.

TOWN OF MANLIUS POLICE RECEIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS



Manlius Town Supervisor Ed Theobald, town board member Karen Green and Chief Francis Marlowe accept the AAA Platinum Award.

On January 11th, 2012 the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board (OCTSAB) held it's 24th annual awards ceremony. OCTSAB honors local businesses, individuals, police officers and departments for their outstanding achievements in traffic safety.

Retired Captain Jason Cassalia was awarded The Gerald Deitz Individual Safety Service Award. Captain Cassalia de-

signed and implemented a traffic enforcement and awareness program which brought traffic accidents from 1,058 in 2005 to 588 in 2010.

Officer Benjamin Kapusta was given the Occupant Protection Award for his efforts in enforcing and educating laws pertaining to seatbelts and child restraints.

Officer John Morticelli was recognized with the Speed Awareness Award for enforc-

ing speed violations and increasing awareness about the dangers of speeding.

The Town of Manlius Police Department was also awarded the AAA Traffic Safety Platinum award for proactive efforts in public information, education and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries, proving that traffic safety is a concern shared by all the members of the Town of Manlius Police Department.

MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT LEGISLATION

In October 2011 Governor Cuomo launched a new state-wide alert system for missing vulnerable adults. The 'Missing Adult Alert' system will assist law enforcement with rapid public dissemination, similar to how an Amber alert works.

This legislation comes as a response to the high number of missing vulnerable adults and the lack of a unified alert system. According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 60 percent of Alzheimer sufferers will wander

and 50 percent are at risk of serious harm or even death, if not located within 24 hours.

When a vulnerable adult is reported missing the state-wide missing adult alert system is activated and the following tools can be used for a quicker recovery; locator posters, toll-free 24 hour hotline, rapid law enforcement dissemination, highway signs and media notification. If you are interested in receiving alerts, you can sign up for NY-ALERT system at www.nyalert.gov.

What can you do to protect a vulnerable adult in your family?

1. Have a quick reference with all of the person's information (date of birth, ss#, vehicle information, medical information, etc.).
2. Enroll the family member in Project Lifesaver (visit www.ongov for more information).
3. If your family member is missing, call 911 immediately.
4. Determine if your family member needs more specialized care than you can give him or her.



To receive alerts, visit:
www.nyalert.gov

SCHOOL INFORMATION RESOURCE OFFICERS

A school information resource officer (SIRO) is an invaluable resource to the school community. A SIRO takes on many key roles within a district with the ultimate goal of keeping students safe, deterring criminal activity and educating staff, students and the community on various topics.

The school campus becomes the officer's patrol beat. A school resource officer assists with providing a safe and secure environment

for students by staying highly visible to deter or identify trespassers on school property.

A SIRO is a sworn police officer. The SIRO will investigate criminal activity and when appropriate make arrests. The SIRO becomes a positive role model in the student population through demonstration of honesty, setting limits, setting a good example, being consistent, encouraging responsibility, encouraging respect, and ad-

vocating what is fair and right to the students.

The SIRO can provide a variety of educational programs to the students such as; general safety presentations, internet safety, drug awareness, alcohol awareness and law related subjects.

Most importantly, a SIRO will build a strong partnership with the school, students and community to provide a safe educational environ-



Retired SIRO Matt Ware
East Syracuse-Minoa HS

JUNIOR DETECTIVES: COLLECTING DNA

Take a look at your relatives. You may see a strong resemblance in looks or family characteristics. The combination of your mother's genetic code and your father's genetic code give you your very own genetic makeup, also called your DNA.

Everyone has their very own DNA code. This concept has made it possible to solve many crimes which otherwise may have not been

possible. In 1994, Congress passed DNA Identification Act which gave FBI the authority to establish a national database, CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). Today the database contains millions of DNA samples.

DNA is found in a person's blood, saliva, dead cells, hair, and other bodily fluids. When a police officer arrives on a scene they have to be very careful as to not contaminate

any possible DNA evidence. A police officer or evidence technician wears gloves, and sometimes tyvek suits and booties on their feet to avoid contamination.

Take a look around your house and find items you believe have DNA left behind. Ask your parents for help with your scavenger hunt.



HINTS:

- Mom's lipstick
- Toothbrush
- A used drinking glass
- Deodorant
- Hair brush

VERA HOUSE DONATIONS NEEDS DRIVE

During the month of March, the Town of Manlius Police Department will be accepting donated items for the Vera House.

Vera House was founded in 1977 by a group of concerned individuals led by Sister Mary Vera, CSJ who recognized the need for emergency sheltering services for women in crisis. In 2005 the Vera House merged with the Rape Crisis Center, thus forming one center with a similar mission, "together for hope and healing".

The Vera House is a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence service agency providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling

services for women, children and men. The Vera House also provides education and prevention programs to the community.

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive or abusive behaviors used by one or both partners to control the other. A domestic relationship can be determined by marriage, children in common, family members or the mere fact that two people are dating (intimate relationship). In 2010 there were approximately 11,000 calls for police relating to domestic violence incidents in Onondaga County alone.

The most dangerous time for a victim is when he/she attempts to leave the rela-

tionship. Often times victims are forced to leave with very little. Please join us in providing much needed items to women, children and men who have fallen victim to domestic violence. The following is a list of critical need items (**Please only new items**):

- Diapers (sizes 3,4,5 &6) & pull ups
- Baby bottles
- Baby wipes, powder, lotion & wash
- Cotton swabs
- Child toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Child utensils, plates & sippy cups
- Towels, washcloths, kitchen towels
- New household items
- Personal care items

For more information on how you can help contact the Vera House or the Town of Manlius Police Department.

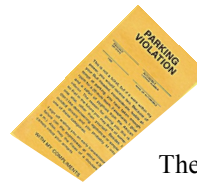


Reminder:

White Ribbon Campaign begins Friday, March 25th and will end Sunday, April 1st.

House Checks

Going away? Manlius Police will perform an exterior check of a person's residence as requested while they are out of town. If your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period of time, you may call the Record's Section at 315-682-2212. The call taker will collect information such as, OLEIS alarm information, key holder names and phone numbers, and emergency contact numbers for the homeowner. Road patrol officers will conduct property checks of your residence as time permits.



REMINDER:

There is no all night parking in the Town of Manlius and Villages of Manlius, Fayetteville, and Minoa from **November 1st—April 15th**. Violations may result in ticketing or towing of your vehicle.

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<http://www.nixle.com/>**



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