



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS 60084

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor Mark Knigge and Board of Trustees  
From: Chief Doug Larsson  
CC: Dan Quick, Administrator and Senior Staff  
Date: November 16, 2009  
Re: Semi-Monthly Report

A summary of the previous two weeks from my perspective includes:



Neighborhood Watch – Neighborhood Watch™ is forming in the Liberty Lakes neighborhoods. School Resource Officer Heather Caroselli has been instrumental in organizing and helping recruit “block captains” for the program. Neighborhood Watch™ is a partnership between the Police and the residents, and relies on good training and communication as well as follow up by the Police Department to communicate with residents as to what is occurring on their streets. Once fully formed, I will be reporting to the neighborhood

as to how they can examine the history of police service calls and crimes (if any), which will allow them to report common areas of concern in a newsletter. In the future I intend on using a software package such as CrimeReports™ which extracts our event-data nightly and places the data in easy-to-use hyperlinks for residents (see [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) for an example – click on Illinois, then Roselle).

Chicago Slaughter Football Visit – On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 1100-1300 hours, former Chicago Bear Steve McMichael and several of the arena cheerleaders from the Chicago Slaughter, an indoor league team, appeared at The Frame Shop, 327 N. Main Street. The Slaughter is

undefeated for 2009 and was the CIFL champions. No issues or concerns from the Police Department viewpoint.



Staff Meeting – On November 5, I conducted my inaugural staff meeting, attended by sergeants and command personnel as well as all three union stewards, which will continue on a monthly basis. Of interest was budget review, technical updates / equipment status, awards and commendations, special events, legislative updates, current patrol issues, investigation updates, training report, forthcoming code enforcement and the new Neighborhood Ownership Program, restructuring certain internal positions, Sergeants' collateral duties, rotation & deployment, and deployment strategies for 2010. The meeting format will be a model for face-to-face, problem solving style of communication.



Derelict House Watch – Following the staff meeting on Thursday, November 5 I toured an abandoned vacant house at 218 S. Church that was owned by the bank but used by vagrants and teens. The results of the inspection caused the house to be boarded up by Capitol Board-Up Service of Fox Lake, who charged the Village one dollar. The low fee is part of a county-wide program that provides municipalities two

board ups per year for homes that are close to schools or parks and that are vacant and suspected of harboring illicit activity. The midnight shift is alert and observed one other home near the former Chief's Soccer Field that is in need of boarding up.