

Block Watcher

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Newsletter for Bellingham Block Watch Captains

Fall Home Safety Tips

Check and lube all exterior door locks

Install a dead bolt to exterior door

Check all exterior light, replace light bulbs.

Check or install locks on all exterior sheds

Install wooden or plastic window blocks to supplement locking windows



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2006 Citizen's Academy now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the Bellingham Police Department's Citizen's Academy. The Citizen's Academy is an opportunity to learn about **your** police department. The Academy starts on January 3 and runs for 12 weeks ending on March 21. The classes begin at 6:30 PM ending at 9:30 PM.

During our time together we cover **patrol procedures, use of force, equipment (firearms), SWAT, jail tour, hazardous devices, traffic enforcement, Crime scene investigation, K-9 demonstration and Crime Prevention techniques.**

Police Chief Randal H. Carroll does a presentation cov-

ering the police department and its operations. This is a rare opportunity to speak with Chief Carroll one to one.

This class is open to anyone living or working in Bellingham **18** years or older. I encourage Block Watch Captains to attend this class.

This is the best opportunity you will have to learn about your police department and how we conduct business.

Application for the Citizen's Academy can be downloaded from our web site at www.cob.org/police. Go to the "What's new" tab and double click on Citizen's Academy Application. There is an application screening process and class size is limited.



Citizen's Academy 2005 participants gets an up close and personal experience to one of our protection suits used by our Hazardous Devices Unit. Class participants also got a close look other equipment. Most classes are interactive with hands on experience.

Roosevelt makes a difference

We all know how important it is to have good lighting. Light is one of the best simple crime prevention tools that you can use. Simply put, light makes it easy for legitimate space users and harder for illegitimate space users. We all know how important it is to keep our porch lights on

during the hours of darkness in this time of year. Recently, volunteers from the Roosevelt neighborhood spent several hours on a Saturday handing out light bulbs to local residents. Trudy Shuravloff of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association stated that she was able to

secure a small grant that allowed her to purchase and hand out over 200 light bulbs. During the contacts with the neighbors she was also able to invite them to an up and coming neighborhood meeting to talk about other crime prevention measures. Thank for the hard work Trudy.

Bellingham Police Crime Report for 2005
Report is a total from all 23 neighborhoods
For more information concerning your neighborhood go to www.cob.org/police tab to 'neighborhood crime statistics' then find your own neighborhood.

Reported Incidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Alcohol Offenses	43	35	34	51	39	66	37	31	120	125	1	0
Assault (Felony)	11	12	7	4	5	12	9	10	9	7	1	0
Assault (Misdemeanor)	34	25	36	32	45	47	41	48	46	36	2	0
Auto Theft	27	20	27	22	34	46	30	28	29	25	8	0
Burglary (Commercial)	20	21	24	20	34	20	22	22	23	15	2	0
Burglary (Residential)	36	42	52	51	38	41	53	52	35	44	6	0
Crimes Against Person	54	45	49	53	65	61	52	65	58	50	5	0
Crimes Against Property	65	62	73	53	47	60	45	42	106	71	20	0
Domestic Violence	129	76	108	98	117	102	103	110	92	94	11	0
Drug Offenses	42	37	44	42	55	42	37	34	37	36	6	0
DUI	14	16	22	27	17	19	26	29	30	20	4	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Malicious Mischief	75	97	73	103	74	82	75	90	79	113	13	0
Public Order Maintenance	451	509	456	445	495	454	464	451	481	428	48	0
Robbery	6	2	4	3	2	1	5	2	7	3	0	0
Service Calls	580	582	662	700	705	619	638	652	582	591	70	0
Sex Crime Reports	14	4	12	16	12	14	14	14	12	15	1	0
Theft	254	217	251	232	253	218	255	278	249	239	26	0
Traffic Accidents	91	81	97	79	77	92	70	81	72	111	9	0
Traffic Offenses/Complain	195	179	223	268	195	212	197	202	212	225	19	0
Vehicle Prowls	130	118	111	120	150	174	130	141	163	155	17	0
All Others	52	36	23	49	49	35	48	40	40	85	10	0
Calls - Non-reportable	2103	1772	1980	2154	2499	2463	2686	2602	2226	2418	245	0
Totals	4426	3988	4368	4622	5007	4880	5037	5025	4708	4907	524	0