

# Police Department

## 10907 Front Street

### (708) 479-3912

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### Mission Statement

The Police Department of the Village of Mokena is comprised of a group of professional sworn and civilian personnel, who as a whole are committed to the protection of life and the safeguarding of property within the Village.

The Department's personnel perpetually utilize creativity to seek varied and modern methods to identify criminal activity, and apprehend criminal offenders within the Village; in order to prosecute the offenders and negate the opportunity for the criminal element to practice their trade.

The individual members of the Department are cognizant of the fact that we live in an endlessly changing environment, and are therefore dedicated to expanding their professional and personal horizons through continual education.

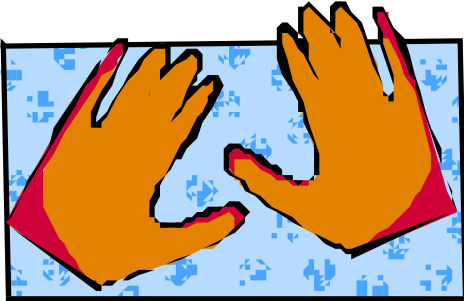
The members of the Mokena Police Department understand that adverse situations play a role in many of their encounters with the public and therefore compassion must be exhibited to both victims and offenders alike.

The dedication of the member of the Mokena Police Department to the charges of this declaration will ultimately yield a magnification of the quality of life for those who elect to live, work, or raise a family within the Village of Mokena.



# MOKENA POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

The Police Department is located at 10907 W. Front Street. Following is a listing of some of the services provided by your Police Department.



## LifePrints

This is for identification purposes and done at parental request. All fingerprint cards are given to the parents. This program is offered in conjunction with in-school presentations or on an individual basis.

## D.A.R.E.

Project D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is conducted in area public and parochial schools at the fifth grade levels. This program, which has won international acclaim, began as a joint effort between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

## Block Home

Those who participate in this program provide a place that is safe for children to go when in need of help. The BLOCK HOME sign in a front window lets area children know that these homes provide help for them; when they are lost, in threat of harm or injured. For more information or to obtain an application, click [here](#), or contact the Police Department at 708-479-3912.

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## Neighborhood Watch



The Police Department will assist any neighborhood interested in preventing crime in their area by developing a NEIGH-

BORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. In conjunction with the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM, the Police Department also conducts OPERATION ID. This program encourages residents to engrave their valuable items; such as TV's, Video Players/Recorders, and Stereos, with the owner's Illinois Driver's License number for Identification. The Police Department provides the use of an engraving tool, free of charge.

## Vacation Watch



All Village residents are urged to use the Vacation Watch Program when they either go away on vacation or will be away from their residences for extended periods. Residents who use the program will receive valuable tips on how to minimize the chances that their home will be burglarized or vandalized during their absence. Police officers will also conduct physical security checks of the participants homes. For a vacation watch request form, which must be completed and returned

**in person** to the Mokena Police Department, click [here](#).

## Abandoned Vehicles



The Mokena Police Department is authorized by Ordinance to enter on private or semi-private property to tow away any vehicles which appear to be abandoned. The Police Department will make an effort to contact the owner of the vehicle,

or the property owner on which the vehicle is located, prior to its being towed, and advise them to remove it. If it is not removed within 72 hours, or if the responsible parties cannot be located, the Police Department may remove the vehicle.

## Bicycle Registration

Bicycle owners are encouraged to register their bikes with the Police Department. This is done by engraving an Identification Number on the bicycle frame. The Police Department keeps a cross index system of these numbers should the bicycle be stolen and/or recovered.



## MOK Bumper Sticker Program



In an effort to strengthen the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM, the Police Department im-

plemented the MOK Vehicle Bumper Sticker Program. Through the voluntary placement of MOK stickers on vehicles which are parked

overnight on streets or in apartment, condominium/ townhome complex parking lots, Mokena Police can readily identify a vehicle as one belonging to a Mokena resident. As part of this program the Police Department asks residents to serve as "added eyes" for the Police by calling (708) 479-3912 when they observe vehicles not bearing MOK bumper stickers parked along residential streets or in multi-family parking area. The

Police Department believes that through the voluntary cooperation of residents the effectiveness of the Neighborhood Watch Program and the security of the community will be enhanced through the rapid identity of suspicious vehicles that may be parked in an area for illicit purposes. Residents can obtain MOK stickers free of charge at the Police Station or Village Hall.

## Child Car Seat Installation Program

The Mokena Police Dept. has several officers who are certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. These officers are specially trained to properly install car seats in all types of automobiles. This service is offered by appointment at the Mokena Police Dept. and is conducted in our enclosed facility, so weather conditions will not hamper our efforts to keep kids safe while riding in vehicles. Parents will gain valuable knowledge from these Technicians on proper installation of child safety seats and seat belt systems. We encourage our residents to take advantage of this program by calling to schedule your appointment today at 708-479-3912.



# Citizen Police Academy

The Mokena Police Department conducts a Citizen Police Academy which is designed to provide Mokena area Residents with a better understanding of police practices and services.

During the course of this program, that is conducted in seven weekly sessions, participants have the opportunity to observe demonstrations from a police canine unit, tour the Lincoln Way Police Communications Center, which is responsible for police dispatching services for incorporated Lincoln Way area, and observe a session



of the Will County Local Branch Court which hears local traffic and ordinance violation cases. The Citizen Academy also features speakers from within the ranks of the Police Department and other service agencies who highlight various law enforcement procedures and assistance or social service programs such as the difference between Federal, State, County and Local police agencies, traffic enforcement, DUI enforcement, traffic crash investigation/reconstruction, gang awareness, crime scene processing, property management, elder abuse and crimes against senior citizens.



## Bicycle Patrol

Officers assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit conduct their preventative patrol and Community based policing efforts from the seat of a specially equipped bicycle rather than a squad car. The bicycle patrols, which are conducted during the summer months, are directed in residential areas and the parks during peak use periods. Bike Patrol Officers have the ability to develop an enhanced rapport with the Community since the barrier created by a vehicle is not present.

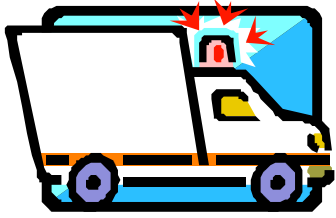
## SMART ALERT DEVICES

Imagine a dark, rainy night and someone in your family becomes very ill. You dial 9-1-1 and anxiously wait for the ambulance to arrive as seconds seem like minutes. The ambulance travels down your street and has trouble seeing the addresses through the rain and darkness. This may sound like a nightmare to you, but is an all too real possibility. You may ask yourself, "What can I do to prevent this from happening to me?"



The Mokena Fire Protection District has available a simple device that will turn your front porch light into a potentially life saving beacon. The Smart Alert Emergency Signal Flashing Device attaches easily to any standard base bulb. Your bulb will work normally until you need a flashing signal. Just toggle the light switch to activate Smart Alert and draw emergency vehicles right to you.

Smart Alert Devices are available at the Mokena Fire Protection District Station #1 at 19853 S. Wolf Rd. for only \$5.00. If you have any questions please call the station at (708) 479-5371 during normal business hours.



# 911 Emergency

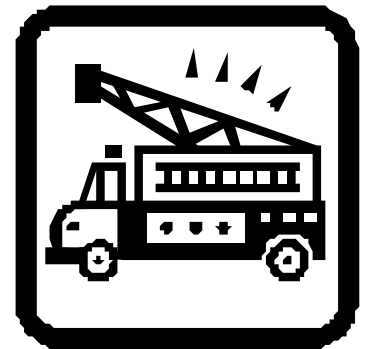
## TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Village of Mokena is covered by the Will County Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. What makes the system so effective is that every telephone in the county is programmed into the 9-1-1 computer, and when a call comes into the dispatch center, the address of the telephone appears on the screen. Consequently, if the caller is unable to speak or does not know the location from where he or she is calling, the dispatcher can still send emergency personnel to the scene.

New residents are encouraged to dial 9-1-1 and advise the 9-1-1 dispatcher that they are new residents in the Village, and are conducting a "test" of the enhanced 9-1-1 System. The dispatcher will then confirm the address of the telephone and the responding emergency service agencies. Important medical history information can also be provided to the dispatcher at this time. Should a new resident fail to reach the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, please call (708) 479-3911 to report this condition. The

Enhanced 9-1-1 lines are reserved for emergency use only. Because it is imperative that emergency calls are answered immediately, residents are strongly urged to use the police/ambulance/fire non-emergency number of 479-3911 when they are not in urgent need of police, ambulance or fire.

Call 9-1-1 in the case of a fire, a medical emergency, a police emergency or other situation, when seconds count!



## Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities

Residents who suffer from a temporary disability can obtain a Temporary Parking Placard for Persons with Disabilities from the Mokena Police Department. Vehicles properly displaying a Temporary Disability Parking Placard may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities in and out of the Village.

Applications and additional information regarding this program are available at the Mokena Police Department, Mokena Village Hall, at local doctor's offices, or by clicking [here](#).



## CURFEW



Curfew restrictions within the Village of Mokena apply to any person less than seventeen (17) years of age. Curfew restrictions are as follows:

- Between 12:01 am & 6:00 am on Sat.
- 12:01 am & 6:00 am on Sun.
- 9:30 pm on Sun. to Thurs., inclusive, and 6:00 am on the following day.

These restrictions do not apply to those persons accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other responsible companion of at least eighteen (18) years of age or to those persons who are engaged in a business or occupation which the laws of the State of Illinois authorize them to perform.

# Winter Parking Regulations



Over the past several winters the Mokena Police and Public Works Departments have worked together to develop strategies to have vehicles parked along Village streets moved during snow plowing operations. When cars are parked along the streets during snow removal, plows must weave around creating a potentially hazardous situation. It is necessary for the snow plow crews to remove snow curb-to-curb so curbside inlets can be cleared; (therefore), allowing the streets to drain properly and limit the build-up of snow and ice.

With the increase in the number of Village streets over the past few years it has become more and more difficult for our Public Works crews to quickly and safely remove snow especially, when vehicles are parked on the streets. Various strategies that were implemented previously to have vehicles moved during snow plowing have only met with limited success.

After reviewing various plans to improve snow plowing operations it was determined that an amendment to the Village Code limiting or restricting parking on public streets during the winter season was needed. Police and Public Works personnel re-

viewed the options regarding this matter which included a complete ban on winter parking or restricting parking during snow falls and when snow removal operations are being conducted. It was determined that a complete ban on winter parking would negatively impact a number of residents especially those who reside in the more mature sections of the Village and who may not have access to any long term off-street parking. It was concluded that a partial ban on winter season parking would be more appropriate and feasible.

An amendment to the Ordinance adopted by the Village Board makes it unlawful to park any vehicle on a Village street at any time the snow on the street exceeds a depth of two inches (2"). This parking restriction remains in effect until snow plowing operations are completed. Mokena residents should be aware that when a snowfall occurs during overnight hours our Ordinance makes it the vehicle owner or driver's responsibility to move the vehicle from the street by the time the snow has reached a depth of two inches (2").

Residents are also reminded that it continues to be unlawful for a person, while removing snow from a private driveway or sidewalk to deposit the snow into the street or in a manner that would obstruct the free flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

## **Remember, our Ordinance requires that:**

- ü Vehicles be moved from on-street parking places when fallen snow is 2" or more in depth regardless of time of day
- ü Vehicles should not be returned to on-street parking places until snow plowing operations are complete.
- ü Snow from driveways or sidewalks should not be placed into the street.

Questions regarding this ordinance may be directed to the Mokena Police Department at (708) 479-3912, Monday thru

