



Athens Police Department

May Newsletter - 2016

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11 N. College St.
Athens, Ohio 45701

Emergency: 911

Non Emergency (740) 592-3313

Message From The Chief:

With the conclusion of another fest season it is that time of the year when our police department breathes a collective sigh of relief. Yet we do not rest on our laurels and accomplishments from this past year, we remain busy with all of the chores that the summer months allow us the time to do. One of these tasks involves updating our alarm data sheets. With well over three hundred alarm systems throughout the city which may summon police, fire, or emergency medical services, our department constantly attempts to update our records so we have the most up-to-date contact information for the registered alarm. This information is required by A.C.O. 3.10.04 section A. The alarm data sheets can be found on our website at the following link <http://oh-athens.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/55>. Having up-to-date information is necessary because when the various agencies respond to these alarm calls there oftentimes isn't anyone home or at the business. The police or fire personnel will need to notify the primary and/or alternate contact person to have them come to the location or advise the police about the situation. In addition, we will occasionally need to contact the alarm company for various and sundry reasons.

We are asking that any business or individual that has an alarm system to complete the alarm data sheet form and either fax it to (740) 592-3358, mail it to the PD at 11 N. College St, or scan and e-mail it to our Administrative Assistant Angie Waldron awaldron@ci.athens.oh.us. To read more about alarm requirements you may click this link https://www2.municode.com/library/oh/athens/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodid=TIT3ADPR_CH3.10ALSY_3.10.01DE

As a side note, the police department newsletters will be taking a summer break and will resume again in September.



Thomas D. Pyle II, CLEE
Chief of Police



What's coming up

Sunday, May 15th, National Police Officers Memorial Day.

Thursday, May 19th, Senior Safety Day, Athens County Fairgrounds.

Saturday, May 21st, Armed Forces Day.

May 28th - 30th, Memorial Day weekend, please drive carefully, and report any impaired drivers.

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day ceremonies.

Crime of the month

The Athens Police Department is requesting your information pertaining to three criminal acts, connected by DNA, which occurred within the City of Athens.

Two assaults occurred last year, one in June and one in December. Both were linked by DNA to an assault that occurred in June of 2006. All assaults were sexual in nature.

The suspect in these violent crimes is described as a white male in his late twenties to early thirties, 5'8" to 5'9" tall, and weighing 130 to 150 pounds. If you have any information related to these incidents, please contact the Athens Police Department at (740) 592-3313, which will be answered in person 24 hours a day. Lets all protect our community together!



May is Older Americans Month. Come out to the Athens Senior Safety Day held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, May the 19th for a day of celebrating and learning! There will be over 25 participating agencies on hand providing services and handouts. It's free, and lunch will be provided!

Athens County Senior Safety Day

Thursday, May 19, 2016

10AM to 2PM

Athens County Fairgrounds
286 West Union Street
Athens, Ohio



FREE



For information visit our Web site:
<http://www.athensema.org> or call
(740) 594-2261

Athens Beautification Day April 17, 2016

Athens Mayor Steve Patterson (in white cap) helps volunteers dig out the garden bed in front of City Hall.



Athens city worker Mick Keirns helps to remove graffiti from a sidewalk behind the middle school. The police department and TAG Task Force utilized volunteers to remove and paint over graffiti around town for Beautification Day. Many thanks for all of the volunteers that day!





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Emergency: 9 1 1
24 hour dispatch: 740-593-6606
Non-emergency: 740-592-3313
Administration/records: 740-592-3315
Fax: 740-593-7944
Crime Solvers Anonymous: 740-594-3331
E-mail: See City of Athens website
www.ci.athens.oh.us
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Police Department)

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Parking Enforcement Division



The Parking Enforcement Division of 1970, Nora Kelly Andrews, Georgie Cullison Coen, and Sandy Buck Six. They wore dresses then and were called Meter Maids.

Abandoned Vehicles

Now that the university school year is coming to a close, what happens to vehicles that are abandoned and left parked somewhere within the city?

It may fall under sections 7.05.13 - Impounding of vehicles, 7.05.14 - Sale of impounded vehicle when unclaimed, 7.05.30 - Towing and private tow-away zones, and/or 7.05.31 - Private tow-away zones. All of these sections can be found on the City of Athens website under the Government section, Code of Ordinances.

Under the impounding of vehicles section any police officer or parking enforcement officer can order into storage any vehicle parked at a place where parking is prohibited, or has received one or more citations which have not been taken care of (paid). Should a person come forward to claim the vehicle they would have to first pay the City of Athens the value of the unpaid citations, and then would have to pay for all of the towing charges and storage charges (Section 7.06.17).

If a towed vehicle remains in the possession of the city for a period of 30

days, the vehicles can be sold under the direction of the service-safety director to a junkyard or scrap metal processing facility (Section 4737.05 of the Ohio Revised Code), or can be sold at a public auction. Any moneys left from the disposition that are in excess of the removal and storage fees will go into the city general fund.

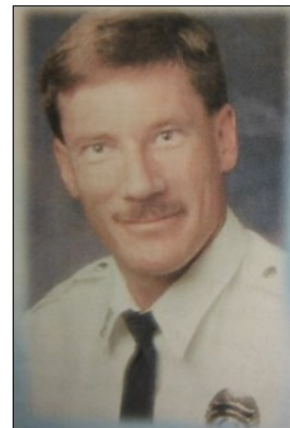
If an abandoned vehicle is left on your private property you may contact the police department or you can research what to do under the private tow-away ordinances (Section 7.05.30 and 7.05.31).

ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT...

A look into the past

Officer remembered for his line-of-duty death this past year

National Peace Officers Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 15th in Washington D.C. at the National Peace Officers Memorial. Every year new names are added to the memorial in honor of those officers that have given the supreme sacrifice and died while performing their duties. This year, an officer from Athens County will be among those honored for his service to his community. Ohio University Patrol Officer Nathan Van Oort passed away on November 7, 2015 due to complications from a lightning strike he suffered on June 22, 2006.



**Ohio University Police
Officer Nathan Van Oort
1961-2015**

On June 22, 2006 Officer Van Oort was participating in the Annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. Officer Van Oort, along with other participating officers and two civilians, had stopped to take a break and eat under a shelter house north of Logan. The sky was clear blue and the darkest clouds were miles away. Lightning struck a pole to the shelter house and the electrical current apparently traveled through the rebar in the cement. Officer Van Oort was wearing bike riding shoes that had a metal clip near the toe. Officer Van Oort received the direct shock. Other officers on scene immediately started to perform medical help, including CPR. Officer Van Oort was transported to the hospital in Logan and then immediately transported to OSU Hospital in Columbus. Officer Van Oort was released from the hospital a few weeks later, but never fully recovered. He spent the next almost 10 years in rehab facilities.

He was a military veteran and had just returned in February 2006 after serving a 13 month tour in Balad, Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a very devoted family man to his wife and four children. Officer Nate Van Oort will be deeply missed by his family, coworkers, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.