



The S.A.L.T. Communicator

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Serving & Protecting Senior Citizens

October 2010

Coordinated by S.A.L.T. Chairman Ken McNatt

Mail Fraud & Identity Theft

Presented by Inspector Kevin Freeman, Chicago Division Inspection Services

United States Postal Services was founded in 1737 and is one of the country's oldest federal law enforcement agencies. The Postal Inspectors are federal law enforcement officers who carry firearms, make arrests and serve federal search warrants and subpoenas. **Inspector Kevin Freeman** from the Chicago Division presented information to the SALT Council on activities within the Postal Services related to mail fraud; identity theft; lotteries; and fake check schemes.

Inspector Freeman highlighted each of the major areas handled by US Postal Services:

- **Mail Fraud** which is any scheme to get money from you by offering services or products, but you receive nothing in return for your money.
- **Identity Theft** affects seniors more than any other portion of the general public. It occurs when someone steals personal information and uses that information to gain access to your personal financial accounts. Your personal information allows a thief to open a new line of credit; apply for a loan or social security benefits and



Kevin Freeman,
Inspector
*Chicago Division Postal
Inspection Services*

many other things besides running up large amounts of debt on your credit cards.

- **Foreign Lotteries** are prohibited from operating in the United States. State owned and operated lotteries are the only ones that are permitted to send information through the U.S. mail.
- **Fake Check Schemes** which happen when con artists ask you to deposit a check into your account and send them money back because they have overpaid you. Checks can often take months to clear at the bank and by the time the victim finds out a check is fake..or fraud....they are already out of the money they sent back.

If you believe you or a family member have been a victim of any of these schemes call **1.877.876.2455** or visit <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>

Mission Statement

The purpose of Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council is to determine and to meet the needs of Senior Citizens by reducing crime and abuse and by enhancing safety through communication and education in cooperation with the Township, law enforcement agencies, and other community agencies and organizations. www.miltontownship.net

OCTOBER HAPPENING'S

Free Auto Inspection

The 10th Annual Free Auto Inspection is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 9 am – 12:30 pm** at the Wheaton Fire Station #1 located one block north of Roosevelt Road on Fapp Circle behind the Target Store off County Farm and Roosevelt Roads.

This is the tenth year the S.A.L.T. Council will offer this event for local seniors underwritten by Community Bank of Wheaton & Glen Ellyn. Come early to avoid long lines and enjoy coffee and cookies while waiting for your inspection to be completed. A record 84 cars were inspected in 2009 and 75% of the spare tires were flat

and air was provided to make these tires usable in the case of an emergency. This is only one of the 39 points of inspection that resulted in assistance from the Auto Inspection teams.

SALT's Auto Inspection Program has become increasingly popular as it provides seniors with assurance their vehicle is ready to face the challenges of winter driving. Five teams are available to inspect the 39 point check list for each car. This is certainly not a guarantee, but a comfortable and safe environment to have your vehicle reviewed for potential issues. *We look forward to seeing you!*



Senior Fair

The Annual Senior Fair will be held **Friday, October 8, from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon** at the **DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton**. The S.A.L.T. Council and the Sheriff's Office will both have a booth. Stop by and gather available information, as well as providing feedback on the S.A.L.T. Communicator. We always enjoy hearing from the seniors of Milton Township.



Upcoming SALT Meetings

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| October: | Fire Prevention Tips from Fire Department |
| November: | District Court Judge to speak on issues involving seniors |
| December: | Citizens Utility Board |

Community Policing in Glen Ellyn

Presented by Chief Phil Norton, Glen Ellyn Police Department

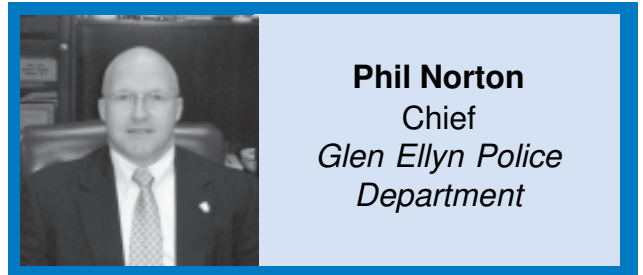
Chief Norton has been a policeman for 24 years and the police chief for nine years in Glen Ellyn. Glen Ellyn has three officers on the SWAT team for the DuPage County Sheriff. They do not have a SWAT Team of their own. They also have access to the Major Crime Task Force through the Sheriff's Office, which gives them experienced investigators, clerical workers, and representatives from the States Attorney's Office. It is a partnership that works for smaller departments like Glen Ellyn and others.

Many partnerships take place today like Glen Ellyn and Wheaton Police Departments crossing boundaries and working together in certain boundary areas that cover both Wheaton / Glen Ellyn. There are some differences between the Fire & Police that all consumers should know. Local businesses or general consumers do not warm up to the police department where they are happy to see the fireman when they call for assistance with getting a cat out of a tree or putting out fires to save homes.

Milton Township Offices Relocated!

The Milton Township offices in Wheaton (1492 N. Main Street) are undergoing remodeling and have temporarily relocated. Their new address is: **1901 N. Naperville Boulevard, Naperville**
The telephone number remains the same:
630.668.1616

They expect to be relocated for approximately six months (February 2011).
Please call with questions or directions.



Police do help seniors!

- Officer Tom Staples works with the seniors: D.A.R.E. Officer
- Officer Staples started the Citizen Police Academy for Seniors
- Officer Staples will conduct a home safety check for seniors.
- Police Department has an emergency I.D. bracelet which is available for a fee.

The first Saturday of every month, the Police Department has "Coffee with the Cops" from 8 – 10 am.

Questions? Please call the Glen Ellyn Police Department

630.469.1187



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"I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."

PLEASEROBME.COM

Pleaserobme.com is a website launched to remind people that information posted on social networking sites can easily be shared. Posting information about going on vacation and being gone for a period of time... for any reason... alerts potential thieves to your empty home.

Investments

Always know your investment contact and be certain you are writing the check to a known firm. Be cautious when promised large returns..if it is too good to be true... it generally is!

Check Scams

Check Scams are everywhere and the local banks are attempting to put out information on how to remind each of us. If someone sends you a check, then asks you to deposit the check into your account and wire transfer money to them... watch out, you may become the victim of a popular scam.

Below are the most popular ways money is being scammed today:

- 1) Notice you have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes.
- 2) Promise of receiving a percent of money for the transferring of funds to your bank account for safekeeping; usually from outside the United States.
- 3) Inheritance from a recently deceased distant relative you had no previous knowledge of.
- 4) Unsolicited emails; faxes or letters requesting an immediate response.

Hotels

Hotels could be linked to identity theft. You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk. When checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for all the charges for your room). You get to your room and settle in. Someone calls from the front desk and asks for Room 620 which happens to be your room. The person on the other end says the following, "this is the front desk, when checking in we came across a problem with your charge card information. Please re read me your credit card number and verify the last 3 digits on the reverse side of your charge card."

Not thinking you might respond. However, since the call is from the front desk and they have not asked you to return to the front desk, tell the person on the other end you will simply come down to the front desk to straighten things out. Never give out information like this over the telephone.



"Potato chips aren't rubbery and blubbery like fat.
They're crispy and crunchy like lettuce.
That proves they're diet food!"

Two New State Programs Help Emergency Personnel Better Serve You

Two new state-sponsored programs can help City of Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Emergency Personnel better serve you: the [Illinois Premise Alert Program](#) and the [Illinois Secretary of State Emergency Contact Database](#).

The [Illinois Premise Alert Program](#) is a safety program that supports individuals living with disabilities while aiding public safety personnel to better respond to their needs.

The Police Department, in conjunction with DuComm, its emergency communications center, is creating a database of individuals with special needs that will be secured in the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) database and maintained by the Police Department at the request of families, caregivers, or individuals with disabilities or special needs. It allows you to voluntarily notify the Police Department about your special circumstances free of charge. The program gives emergency personnel additional information to better serve individuals who have special needs.

To enroll in this program, forms are available at the Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Police Departments or you may download the form online, complete it, and mail or drop it off to the appropriate Police Department. To read more about the law, see the Illinois General Assembly website.

The second program, the [Secretary of State Emergency Contact Database](#), is managed by the Illinois Secretary of State. It compiles emergency contact information and associates it with your Illinois driver's license and/or state identification card. In the event of a motor vehicle crash or other emergency situation where a person is unable to communicate directly, law enforcement may access this database to help them reach the person's designated emergency contacts. If you would like to participate in this program, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State website.

Questions or Concerns?

Contact either Police Department

Wheaton: 630.260.4860

Glen Ellyn: 630.469.1187



HOSTS S.A.L.T.

The S.A.L.T. Council was invited to speak to the residents of Wyndemere. It is common for local groups to invite S.A.L.T. to speak to their particular group or

audience regarding activities provided by the S.A.L.T. Council and who they are. If you have a group or organization that would like to hear representatives from the S.A.L.T. Council speak to them, contact Dianna at the Milton Township Office at...

630.668.1616

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Naperville

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Leonard Tuggy

In Cooperation with DuPage Sheriff's Office - John Zaruba, Sheriff

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