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To Call or Not to Call

A resident asked Sgt. Bord when it was, and was not appropriate to call the police. She indicated that some citizens may not call if they felt their concern was not “police worthy.”

We encourage our citizens to call with any problem they may have, regardless of the topic matter. If we don’t have the resource or the answer at hand, we’ll do our best to get the information you’re looking for.

Just today a citizen came to the PD with a very specific question related to licensing a vehicle. It had been sold to her by a deceased relative’s estate. One phone call to the Department of Transportation landed the answer they needed to start the process. We also logged onto the D.O.T. web site and downloaded the specialized form needed to complete this unusual licensing transaction. A five minute trip to the PD may well have saved an hour at the transportation office in Waukesha or Elkhorn.

Whether you think your situation is a “police matter” or not, we’d like to help if we can.

If you have any other issue that you feel needs to be checked out, such as a suspicious motorist or unusual circumstance that just gives you a bad “gut feeling,” call us.

In short, don’t ever hesitate to phone the Eagle Police Department. You’ll NEVER hear us tell you that your call wasn’t necessary.

**One Man’s Junk is Not Another’s
Treasure**

The “treasure” in this case, belongs to John’s Disposal and we need your help in making sure it’s not pilfered.

I’m referring to scrap metal that sits on the curb or at the end of our driveways on large pick-up day, the 4th Wednesday of every month. All of the marketable metal and recyclable items that Eagle residents put out for pick up, once placed by the owner, becomes the property of Eagle’s contracted disposal firm, John’s Disposal out of Whitewater. Items with a market value are usually made of, or contain metal. Items that have no market value are articles such as old furniture and other miscellaneous household wares that cannot be sold in the recycle market. The private removal of marketable items is a violation of State Law and Village Ordinance.

John's offsets the cost of operating their business by collecting and selling scrap metal. When these items are repeatedly taken by private scrap metal scavengers, John's sees a financial loss. Given the increasing price of fuel, this issue is now more important than ever to our sanitation provider, and they've asked local police departments to intervene.

If you see someone removing items from the curbside in your neighborhood, we'd like to hear from you. First time violators will receive a written warning. Second and subsequent violators will receive a citation.

Crime Stoppers Needs Your Help

Governor Doyle recently signed Act 84, repealing the statute which authorized Judges to order contributions to crime prevention organizations when sentencing an offender. Judges in Waukesha County can no longer order defendants to contribute to the Waukesha County Crime Stoppers organization.

Among other projects, Crime Stoppers uses their limited funds to reward tipsters for their information when it leads authorities to an arrest and conviction. This new restriction has left Waukesha County Crime Stoppers in financial straits.

If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution to Crime Stoppers of Waukesha County, you may do so at the Eagle Police Department or by mailing it to the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, c/o Crime Stoppers. 515 W. Moreland Blvd. Waukesha, WI 53188.

Statutes Revealed

State statute 172.08 reads: "If the owner of any ram permits the ram to go at large or out of the ram's enclosure between July 15 and December 1 in the same year, the owner shall forfeit \$10 for each time that the ram is found at large and taken up."

It would be the obligation of the police department to "take up" a wandering ram, but then, I'm not sure how to "take up" a ram, or any other ruminant mammals of the genus Ovis for that matter. In the event that we did, and the ram went unclaimed, what would we do with it? I've heard that mutton is a rather strong, offensive tasting fare so I guess we'd inherit a mascot. I don't know that a ram would fit the bill for the ideal Eagle Police Department mascot. In order to avoid this potential quandary, please be sure to secure your rams after the 15th of July. Thanks in advance!

New Email Address

Everyone at the PD has a new email address. To contact the police chief directly:

chief@eaglepolicedepartment.com and if you wish to email officers, use their first initial and last name. For example, Sergeant Rob Bord's email address is:

rbord@eaglepolicedepartment.com

Be sure to visit our web site at:

www.eaglepolicedepartment.com and we encourage you to look at the Village's new web site. **www.eagle-wi.gov** It's a great site containing regularly updated information.