

Region Six

NEWS

"Serving the Communities of Blythewood, Pontiac and Surrounding Area"

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A note from the editor:

We are always seeking new ways of helping you. This email is just one of those.

However, if you no longer wish to receive it please reply and let us know.

CRIME DOWN IN REGION 6 RESPONSE AREA

According to departmental crime trend reports, crime in Region 6 during 2004 was down nearly 30 percent from what it was in 2003. This can be attributed to many factors. One such factor is an increase in community participation through organized "Neighborhood Watch" programs. These programs have been proven effective nationwide in reducing crime and is working in our area too. Being a good and watchful neighbor is all that it takes. Check with your association about becoming a member or if you would like to start an organized program, please contact us so we can help. Another factor is the hard work and long hours that your deputies are putting in. So next time you see one of them let them know how much they are appreciated.

Newsletter Revision

We are in the process of revising our Newsletter. We feel that this is an excellent way for us to get you important information about what is happening in your community. Please be patient with us during this process.

Personnel Spotlight

We will continue next month with this feature.

Prevention & Safety Tips

Identity Theft is becoming more and more of a concern these days. The following are a few tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim.

- Only carry extra credit cards, a social security card, birth

certificate or passport in your wallet or purse, when needed.

- Remove your name from the marketing lists. This will limit the number of pre-approved offers of credit that you receive. These offers, if thrown away in the trash, are potential targets of identity thieves who will use them to order credit cards using your identity.
- Keep a list and/or photocopy of all your credit cards, account numbers, expiration dates and telephone numbers of the customer service and fraud departments in a secure place (not your wallet or purse) so you can quickly contact your creditors in case your credit cards are stolen.
- Be discrete when giving out personal information over the telephone.