

WATCHOUT



DELHI TOWNSHIP POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Summer 2009

SUMMER HEAT

The risk of a serious injury or death during hot weather is heightened for children left alone in vehicles. From our partners with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration comes the following:

CONSUMER ADVISORY: Parents and Caregivers are reminded that summer heat makes it especially dangerous to leave children in cars. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) warns the risk of a serious injury or death during hot weather is heightened for children left alone in vehicles. New research shows that for children, hyperthermia (heat-stroke), is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle deaths.

Even with the windows rolled down two inches, it only takes 10 minutes for the inside of a vehicle to reach deadly temperatures on a hot summer day. Children should never be left alone in or around a motor vehicle, not even for a quick errand. Any number of things can go wrong in the blink of an eye.

Each year, 262 children under the age of 14 are killed and 115,000 are injured in not-in-traffic incidents on private roads, driveways and in parking lots according to a new NHTSA study. Out of that number, 44 fatalities and 105,000 injuries are the result of non-crashes. These incidents include hyperthermia, strangulation by power windows, carbon monoxide poisoning and more.

Safety tips from NHTSA to prevent hyperthermia include:

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
- Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open or with the engine running and the air conditioning on.

- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back before locking the door and walking away.

- If you are bringing your child to daycare, and normally it's your spouse or partner who brings them, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure everything went according to plan.

- Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare. Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as:

- *Writing yourself a note and putting the note where you will see it when you leave the vehicle;*

- *Placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle; or*

- *Keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.*

- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.

- If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible.

Warning signs may include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea or acting strangely.

Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY REGISTRATION

We are excited to report we are accepting applications for our 13th Citizens Police Academy. The class is set to begin Thursday September 3rd and will continue for twelve weeks. This class affords citizens an opportunity to meet officers from the Delhi Police Department as well as learn about the Police Department. Topics include, but are not limited to, OVI enforcement, traffic laws, laser/radar operation, criminal investigations, search and seizure, firearms, etc. The class is free to residents and for those that work in Delhi Township. To register for the class, an application can be picked up at our police station located at 934 Neeb Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45233 or you can obtain one from our web site www.delhi.oh.us. Call the police station (513-922-0060) if you have any questions.

CANINE NAMING CONTEST:

The Police Department is making plans to obtain a dual purpose (drug detection and suspect apprehension/tracking) police canine in the near future. The canine has been graciously donated to our Police Department by The Matt Haverkamp Foundation. As part of the process of obtaining a police dog, we have decided to include the Delhi Community in selecting a name for the dog. Delhi residents, and others, are invited to participate in the contest by submitting an application, which can be found on the Police Department's section of the Township's website at www.delhi.oh.us. Applications can also be picked up at the police department located at 934 Neeb Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45233. Entries must be received by September 1st, 2009. Shortly thereafter, the police department will decide upon an appropriate name for the canine. After an extensive training program, Officer Weldele and the canine should hit the streets late this year or early next year.

Join us for National Night Out!

On Tuesday August 4th, Delhi Township is joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. The Delhi Township Police Department will be hosting the event, with the assistance of the National Association of Town Watch, and the event is sponsored by Target. National Night Out will involve over 10,000 communities from all over the United States. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in "Americas Night Out Against Crime."

National Night Out is an opportunity to get neighbors together and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police – community partnerships. The program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for participation in local anti-crime programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are fighting back.

The Delhi Police Department will be hosting National Night Out on August 4th 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the north end of the Delhi Park, located at 5125 Foley Road. The Police Department encourages all to join them in a chance to meet police officers and firefighters, volunteers from the Delhi Citizens Police Association / Citizens on Patrol, and Target Volunteers and send a message to criminals that "We are fighting back." The police, fire, and maintenance departments will have their equipment on display and will have officers and firefighters on scene to answer any questions that you may have. The Delhi Civic Association has coordinated a free concert in the park featuring the Pole Cats, sponsored by local businesses this same evening.

Residents are encouraged to turn on their front porch lights, in support of the event, and join us in the National Night Out, the largest annual crime prevention event.



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