

The Crime Reporter



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Big Announcement:

TRICOM's CRIME PREVENTION ACADEMY

The Crime Prevention Academy is an eight-week program designed to empower participants with the knowledge to make a difference in their community. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:15pm. Space is limited and filling up fast. The \$20 class fee covers class materials, weekly meals and graduation. Some scholarships are available to cover the fee.

The class will provide an in-depth view into various areas of Crime Prevention. It is an interactive program that gives citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that are affecting Winnebago County. By the end of eight weeks, they will be able to develop partnerships with law enforcement, local coalitions and each other to help find solutions.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Crime prevention plays a vital role in reducing crime in any community. TRICOM's Crime Prevention Academy will improve your knowledge of crime prevention practices and programs. Graduates will become partners with TRICOM in identifying problems and solutions to the crime issues that are affecting our county. They will take their knowledge back into their neighborhoods and businesses where they can use it to enhance the quality of life.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Individuals who apply for the Crime Prevention Academy must be at least 18 years of ages who are committed to attending all 8 weeks. They must also have an interest in creating a safer, crime-free Winnebago county. Applications are due by Wednesday January 5, 2011 at foxvalleyprevent.com.

DEA Moves to Emergency Control Synthetic Marijuana (K-2)

Agency Will Study Whether To Permanently Control Five Substances

NOV 24 -- WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is using its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control five chemicals (JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200, CP-47,497, and cannabicyclohexanol) used to make "fake pot" products. Except as authorized by law, this action will make possessing and selling these chemicals or the products that contain them illegal in the U.S. for at least one year.

Over the past year, smokable herbal blends marketed as being "legal" and providing a marijuana-like high, have become increasingly popular, particularly among teens and young adults. These products consist of plant material that has been coated with research chemicals that mimic THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, and are sold at a variety of retail outlets, in head shops and over the Internet. These chemicals, however, have not been approved by the FDA for human

consumption and there is no oversight of the manufacturing process. Brands such as “Spice,” “K2,” “Blaze,” and “Red X Dawn” are labeled as incense to mask their intended purpose.

Since 2009, DEA has received an increasing number of reports from poison centers, hospitals and law enforcement regarding these products. The Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to allow the DEA Administrator to emergency schedule an abused, harmful, non-medical substance in order to avoid an imminent public health crisis while the formal rule-making procedures described in the CSA are being conducted.

“The American public looks to the DEA to protect its children and communities from those who would exploit them for their own gain,” said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. “Makers of these harmful products mislead their customers into thinking that ‘fake pot’ is a harmless alternative to illegal drugs, but that is not the case. Today’s action will call further attention to the risks of ingesting unknown compounds and will hopefully take away any incentive to try these products.”

Local Bans of Synthetic Marijuana K-2 as of 11/30/10 Oshkosh Neenah Town of Menasha

(Menasha and Winnebago County ordinances pending as of 11/30/10)

Winter Driving: IT’S BAAAAAAAACK!!!!

By preparing early you will greatly reduce your chances of being involved in a winter or weather related crash. First take your car to a certified auto mechanic and have the car inspected and made ready to perform in subzero conditions. Get to know your car and understand how it performs under slippery conditions. A rear wheel drive car will tail spin when traction is lost but steering is not as affected. A front wheel drive may not steer when acceleration or traction is lost but can recover when car is at a coast. Anti-lock brakes can assist greatly in slowing a car to a stop or steering around an obstacle while braking. By having your car checked to make sure everything is working properly and understanding some basic operational mechanics, you can confidently understand how your vehicle will react in different situations.

Winter Weather IT’s Baaaaack also!!!!

As winter approaches take a minute to make sure you have the necessities you need to survive a big snow storm. Do you have food saved that can be eaten in a power outage? Can you operate a manual can opener? Are you on a breathing apparatus which requires power to operate? Homeland Security is not just about terrorism. It is about planning for disaster and being prepared to survive. The American Red Cross has been doing this for years and can provide useful resources to help you plan for natural disasters. Here is a sample of their preparedness kit:

-Water. Have at least a gallon per person per day

-Food. Pack non-perishable, high protein items, energy bars, ready to eat soup, peanut butter. Select food that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water.

-Flashlight

-Tools

-Personal Items

-First Aid Kit

-Clothing

-Sanitary supplies

-Medications

-Money

-Extra batteries/Radio



TRICOM, is a coalition that brings together the law enforcement,

business and citizen communities. TRICOM is committed to health, safety and crime-prevention.

For further information about TRICOM contact Chairman Dan Hinton at (920)236-4820 or (920)727-2882 ext. 4820 or check the website at foxvalleyprevent.com



Residents who believe that crime prevention is good investment have a new option: The **Winnebago County Crime**

Prevention Fund is an endowment fund, to support for crime prevention activities throughout Winnebago County. The fund is an initiative of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and all law enforcement agencies throughout Winnebago County. For more information contact the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation at (920) 426-3993.



Be a mentor to a child. You can make a difference!

You can be a Best Friend and make the world better... one child at a time. Call Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha at (920)729-5600 for more information.



SALT

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

SALT is an organization made up of law enforcement officers, older adults and community organizations who are working together to reduce criminal victimization and increase the quality of life for seniors throughout Winnebago County. To learn more or to get involved, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at your local Law Enforcement agency or Deb Tauer, ADVOCAP at 1-800-323-0150 or 426-0150.



**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT
COULD HELP SOLVE A CRIME**

CALL 1-800-621-CASH (2274)

**– Call About
Crime!**

Please help law enforcement, if you see a crime in progress call the Winnebago County Emergency 911 center or you call the Winnebago County-Wide Crime Stoppers at 1-800-621-CASH (2274) or go to the website at www.winnebago-countycrimestoppers.org REMAIN ANONYMOUS! Cash rewards up to \$1000 if your information leads to the arrest or conviction of a criminal. Help protect your community and others, get involved to make Winnebago County a safer and more secure community.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Fox Valley Region

START SOMETHING TODAY! Donate your time to help area youth reach their full

potential and succeed through one-to-one relationships. It could be the start of something BIG. Get involved today with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region by calling (920) 739-3542 or in Oshkosh 920.231.2442.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The key to safety in your neighborhood is just being a good neighbor. Do you:

- Know who lives next door?
- wonder if a moving truck pulled in next door and started loading?
- ever answered the door to find someone offering to do home improvements?

These are all situations the police would find suspicious and are easier to investigate them while they are occurring instead of after someone becomes victimized. TRICOM, your citizen crime prevention coalition, suggests wherever you live contact your local crime prevention officer to initiate a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH . By joining forces we can make all of the communities in Winnebago County safer places to live.

In *Menasha*
call 967-3500



In *Neenah*
call 886-6000



In *Oshkosh*
call 236-5742



In *Town of Menasha*
call 720-7109



Elsewhere in *Winnebago County* call 236-7309



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