



Block Watch Newsletter

Des Moines Police Department

Winter 2023

Block Watch Captain/Coordinator Meeting—Recap

Huge thank you to all that made it out for the last meeting of the year. We spent a lot of time talking about code enforcement and how it relates to the goals of crime prevention. In addition, Chief Gately came in and introduced himself to the group.

Here are a few of the takeaways from the meeting...

- The City’s philosophy is “Compliance with Code, rather than prosecution of violations”.
- Code Enforcement is primarily complaint based.
- Life safety Issues take priority

How the Compliant Process Works:

- Receive complaint—(www.desmoineswa.gov/reports)
- Verify complaint
- Attempt to gain voluntary compliance
- Issue Notice of Violation (NOV) letter
- Take enforcement action

Kory talked about specific codes relating to neighborhoods and the history of code enforcement in Des Moines. He did a quick overview of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and then took questions.

Reporting is simple and can be done online. So if you have concerns report them. Any questions, please contact: Kory Batterman via email at kbatterman@desmoineswa.gov or simply report online.



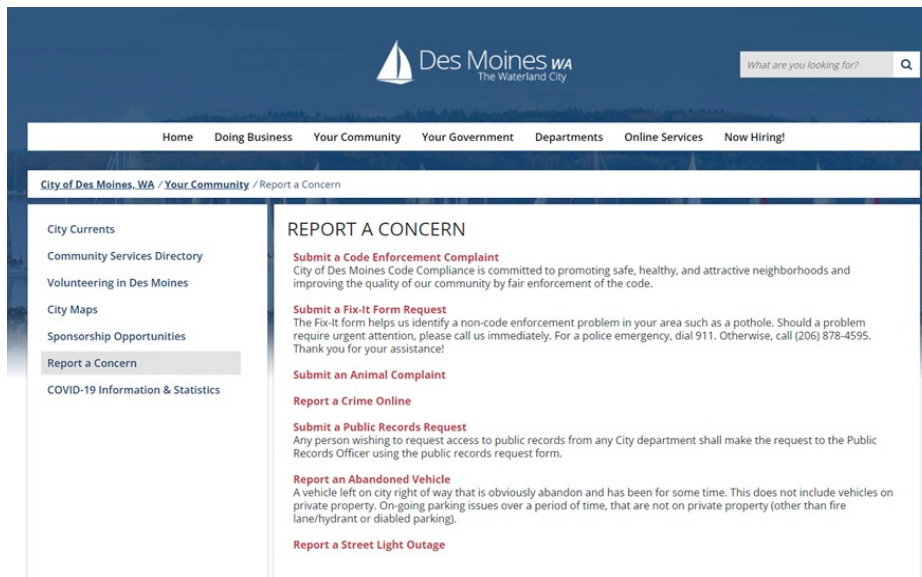
Coffee With a Cop Events

Wed., December 20th
Safeway
216th & Pacific Hwy
11am

Thursday, January 11th
Judson Park Retirement
10am

Tuesday, January 30th
Activity Center
11:30am

Saturday, February 3rd
Marina Mercantile
11am



Important Number

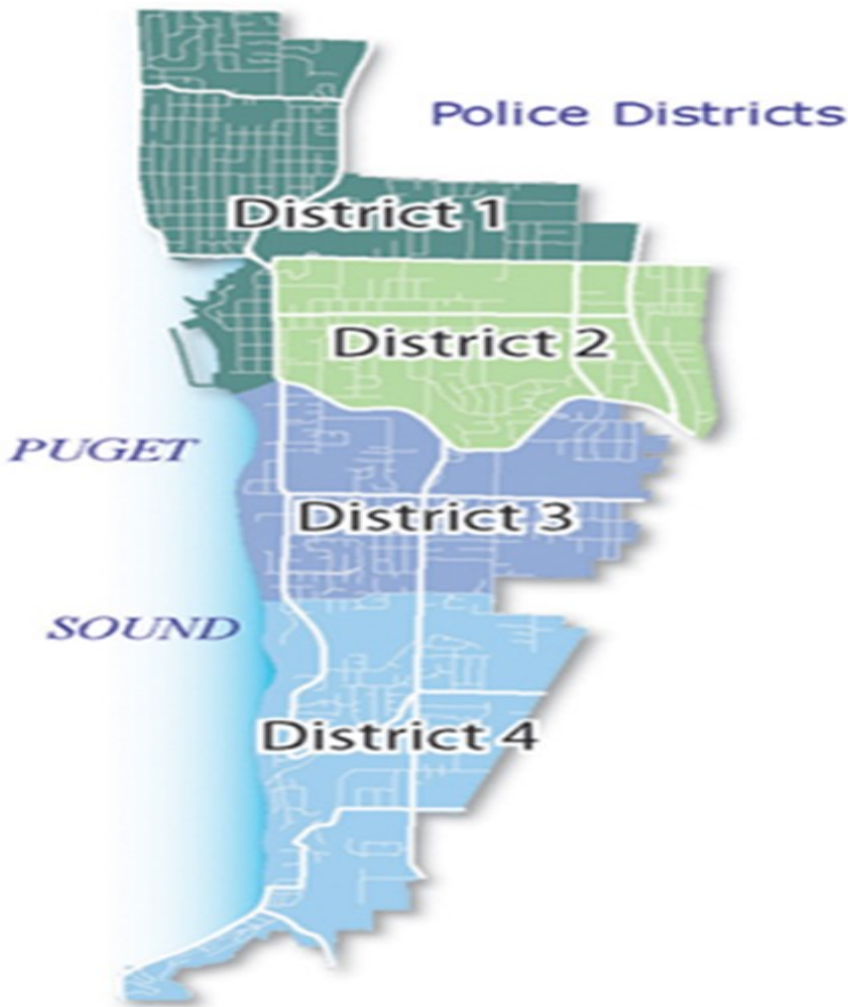
- **Emergency: 9-1-1**
- **Non-Emergency Police**
206-878-2121
- **Animal Control**
206-812-2737
- **Code Enforcement**
206-870-6558
- **Des Moines Parks**
206-870-6527



Crime Stats

January 1, 2023 - November 15, 2023

Nature of Incident	Total City Wide Incidents	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Assault	160	29	73	10	48
Burglary	112	40	34	9	29
Vandalism	240	63	99	21	57
Robbery	30	13	7	0	10
Theft	489	172	135	30	152
Auto Theft	380	60	185	20	115



**Consider joining
DMPD**

**We are currently
hiring...**

**Entry Level
&**

Lateral Officers

**For more
information call:**

(206) 396-0766

Winter Roadway Information

In the event of a snowstorm, the City's Public Works Department has set up a priority list of streets and roads that receive plowing and sanding applications. The first priority for plowing and sanding is for life line and emergency response routes. After these primary roadways are cleared, other arterial roadways and eventually residential streets can be addressed. For more information about check out the City of Des Moines website at www.desmoineswa.gov. Go to City Services; then Public Works; then Maintenance.

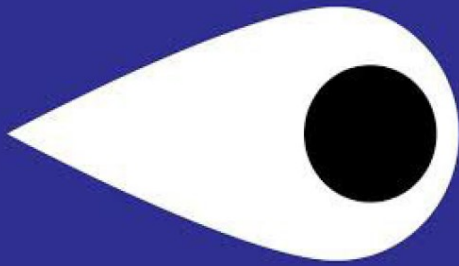


HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP

If you have not already done so, the holiday season is a great time to get to know your neighbors. This includes the people who live next door, across the street and over the back fence. Neighbors watching out for neighbors help keep an eye out for suspicious activity and make communities safer.

Do you need a block watch refresher? Do you have new neighbors who have never heard the block watch spill? Well this is the place to send them or come on out for a refresher.

Neighborhood Block Watch 101



Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

6:30pm -7:30pm

Des Moines Police Department - Public Meeting Room
21900 11th Avenue South, Des Moines WA 98198

RSVP: CSO Tonya Seaberry (206) 870-7619
tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov



It is that time of year, so here are a couple suggestions to prevent holiday package theft.

- Have your package delivered to your work.
- Have your package delivered to the home of a relative or friend that you know will be home.
- Have your package held at your local post office for pickup.
- Take advantage of “Ship to Store” option that many stores offer. Amazon offers a “locker” feature that allows you to pick up your package from a secure location.
- Request that your package has signature confirmation upon delivery.
- Ask your carrier to place package in an area out of plain view.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP

When in crowded places, be alert for potential thieves. Don't overload yourself with packages. Maintain visibility and mobility to avoid potential threats. Be wary of strangers approaching you for any reason. The holiday season is notorious for "con-artists" who may attempt to distract you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. When possible, avoid wearing expensive jewelry and carrying large amounts of cash.

Recognize that there is safety in numbers and arrange to shop with friends and relatives instead of going out alone.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIP

Many people celebrate the season by attending holiday parties with family and friends. Enjoy these gatherings responsibly so this time of joy does not become a time of tragedy. Watch how much you drink. Don't drink then drive, get a ride with someone who is sober.



Where's My Car?

A few tips to keep your car from running off without you.

- Always park in a well - lit and well traveled area.
- Never leave your keys inside your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Utilize car alarms, a steering wheel locking device or vehicle locator devices.
- Keep your vehicle secured at all times.

