

**MARSHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**“POLICE PLAIN TALK”**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at least 90 percent of all people who commit suicide struggle with one or more mental illnesses such as depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or alcoholism. People who are considering suicide may have difficulty imagining any other solution to their suffering due in part to the distorted thinking caused by mental illness.

Many individuals thinking about suicide show warning signs or signals of their plan to commit suicide. The best way to prevent suicide is to recognize these warning signs and to respond if you spot them. If you believe that a friend or family member is suicidal, you can help. Speak up, show that you care, and support them in getting help. You will not make a person commit suicide by asking if they are suicidal and showing you care – you may save a life!

Suicide prevention tips:

- Speak up if you are worried.
- Respond quickly in a crisis or if you suspect someone is thinking about suicide.
- Offer help and support.

Common risk factors for completing suicide include:

- Mental illness.
- Alcoholism or drug abuse.
- Previous suicide attempts.
- Family history of suicide.
- Terminal illness or chronic pain.
- Recent loss or stressful life event.
- Social isolation and loneliness.
- History of trauma or abuse.

If you or someone you care about is considering suicide, there are many resources to get help. Please reach out and ask for help because we care. Here are just a few options:

- In an emergency dial 911
- Wood County Crisis Intervention 715-384-5555
- United Way’s First Call dial 211
- The 24-hour National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK.
- [www.preventsuicidewi.org](http://www.preventsuicidewi.org)

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**NEW WISCONSIN LAW FOR PRIVATE PARTY SALE OF VEHICLE**

Per the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:

Beginning January 1, 2016, law (342.41 Identity of buyer) went into effect requiring a person who sells a motor vehicle to another person, including transferring a junk vehicle by bill of sale, to submit notification to the department that a sale has occurred. **This law does not apply for transfer to or from dealers or other non-individuals, such as companies, charities and government agencies; this requirement is ONLY for sales from one individual to another individual.**

Within 30 days of a sale the seller needs to report to WisDOT the:

Vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle  
Identity of the individual buyer  
Sale price  
Date of sale

**Submitting seller notification online**

To submit seller notification online you need:

To be an owner of the vehicle (must be an individual, not a business)  
Your Wisconsin driver license or identification card number (or full name)  
The last four digits of your social security number (or full SSN)  
Your date of birth  
The vehicle identification number (VIN) for the vehicle

Once completed, you will have the option to print, email, or save confirmation of your notification.

**Mailed seller notification**

If you are unable to successfully complete the seller notification online you will be prompted to complete Seller Notification form MV2870 and mail the notification to the department or submit the form at a DMV Service Center.

**Selling a vehicle correctly**

Seller notification does not replace other responsibilities of a vehicle seller. Refer to selling a vehicle and Instructions for Selling a Vehicle form MV2928. Form MV2928 includes a bill of

sale for your convenience; it is not a required form. You may keep a copy with your records and make a copy for the buyer as documentation of the sale.

This information and links to all the forms listed can be found at:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/other-srvs/seller-notify.aspx>

Statute 342.41 states:

**342.41 Identity of buyer.**

(1) Notwithstanding s. 342.15, after December 31, 2015, no individual may sell a motor vehicle to another individual, including transferring a junk vehicle by bill of sale, unless within 30 days of the sale the seller reports to the department the identification number of the vehicle and the identity of the individual buyer.

(2) The department shall accept electronically information related to the sale of the motor vehicle, including all of the information required to be reported under sub. (1). History: 2015 a. 60.

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**KEEP PERSONAL INFORMATION PERSONAL**

This is a great tip throughout the year and it shows up in nearly all of our scam warnings: Never give out personal or banking information on an unsolicited call or in response to an unsolicited email or text message. Period. It is that simple.

By acquiring just a small amount of information, identity thieves can destroy a person's financial reputation and cause endless stress on a person and their family. Identity theft costs consumers millions of dollars in fraudulent charges each year, and can take years and cost thousands of dollars to recover from. Please guard your personal information and keep it to yourself.

If you think you may be a victim of identity theft, contact Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Office of Privacy Protection at 608-224-5163 or by visiting [privacy.wi.gov](http://privacy.wi.gov).

**IS THIS WEBSITE SECURE?**

Here is a quick easy tip: Before you enter personal or banking information into a website, make sure the URL starts with “https” rather than “http”. The “s” stands for secure.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT SOCIAL MEDIA LIST**

In an effort to keep up with social media, the Marshfield Police Department provides a host of ways to connect to our department through the following avenues. Please feel free to use them at any time.

CrimeReports:

<http://www.crimereports.com/> (You may submit a tip through this application)

FaceBook:

<http://www.facebook.com/MarshfieldPoliceDepartment>.

MYPD android/smart phone app:

<http://mypdapp.com/mypd-for-android-iphone/>

Marshfield PD Twitter handle: @MarshfieldPD

City of Marshfield’s Web Page

<http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/>

Marshfield Police Department’s Web Page:

<http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/police/index.php>

Generic email: [police@ci.marshfield.wi.us](mailto:police@ci.marshfield.wi.us)

Police Online Comments Page:

[http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/police/police on-line comments.php](http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/police/police%20on-line%20comments.php)

Text A Tip (through Wood County Crime Stoppers):

<http://woodcountysheriffsdepartment.com/crimestopper.php>

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**THINK BEFORE YOU POST**

Did you know your fun-filled vacations could cause your grandma to get ripped off? Why? Criminals can use the information you share on social media sites to create a narrative that they weave into their scams.

Consider the infamous “grandparent scam”, where elderly citizens are called by a scammer claiming to be the person’s grandchild. The “grandchild” says they are on vacation, were in an accident, and need an immediate wire transfer to get out of jail or the hospital. Your social media account could provide a tremendous amount of info for a scammer to use in their script, such as your name, family members’ names, where you live and if you are away from home.

By viewing your profile and the pictures you have posted, the scammer knows you are away on vacation in\_\_\_\_ with your best friend\_\_\_\_. They can fill in the blanks, making for a much more believable con.

It is okay to share with friends and family on social media, but adjust the privacy settings for your accounts to block your content from strangers. Also, remember that sensitive information such as names, birth dates and social security numbers posted to social media accounts can be used by scammers to steal your identity.

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**MARCH 12, 2016**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY HOLIDAY PERIOD**  
**STEPPED UP DRUNKEN DRIVING ENFORCEMENT**

On the days surrounding St. Patrick’s Day and throughout the year, the Marshfield Police Department strives to prevent motorists from killing and injuring themselves and others on our roadways. Although we try to increase voluntary compliance with traffic laws—not to write more tickets or make more arrests—we will take enforcement action if voluntary compliance fails. Our goal is to reduce preventable traffic deaths to zero in Wisconsin because even one preventable traffic fatality is one too many.

If you go out to celebrate, the Marshfield Police Department recommends the following tips:

- Plan a safe way home before your celebrations begin.
- If you plan to get a ride home with someone else, designate a sober driver before any drinking begins.
- If you’re impaired, use a taxi or call a sober friend or family member so you are sure to get home safely.
- If you happen to see a driver who appears to be impaired on the road, don’t hesitate to contact your local law enforcement or call 911.
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The Marshfield Police Department strongly urges the public to help keep the streets safe this St. Patrick’s Day and every day by drinking responsibly and designating a sober driver before heading to the local pub.

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**DOG/CAT LICENSING PROCEDURE**

Your pet must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian will then issue you a rabies certificate explaining the vaccination and the expiration date. Rabies vaccinations are good for one or three years. At the time of vaccination you will also be given a rabies tag. This rabies tag is not a license.

Marshfield city ordinance states all cats and dogs living within the city limits of Marshfield and are five months of age or older must be licensed on an annual basis. The license requirement is for your safety to ensure that the animals have had their proper shots. The license is also used for the safe return of your pets if they are lost.

You will then take the “rabies certificate” obtained from the veterinarian to the City Hall Plaza, located at 630 South Central Avenue and go to the City Treasurer’s office located on the fifth floor. Upon showing your certificate to the person in charge, he/she will issue the proper license. The treasurer’s office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is as follows:

Dog: Neutered/spayed = \$8	Dog: Unneutered/unspayed = \$16
Cat: Neutered/spayed = \$6	Cat: Unneutered/unspayed = \$12

If for some reason you cannot make it to the treasurer’s office during business hours, you may have a friend or family member license the pet for you. Remember, however, to have them obtain the license in your name.

The license runs from January 1 through December 31. By law all pets must be licensed by March 31. If licensed after that date, a \$5 late fee is charged. The license must be renewed every year. **THE FINE FOR FAILURE TO LICENSE IS \$124.**

Marshfield also has a City Ordinance 9.52(3)(d)1 which states that a household may not have more than two dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, without a special written permit provided by an ordinance officer, following an inspection of the premises has been conducted and no nuisance will be created.

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**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE**

Dating violence or abuse affects one in three teens. Dating violence is defined as controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a relationship.

Dating violence is not just physical. Examples of controlling behavior are:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends.
- Obsessive calling or texting.
- Telling you what or what not to wear.
- Trying to keep you away from your family.
- Extreme possessiveness.
- Electronic harassment.

Verbal and emotional abuse/blackmail may include:

- Name calling.
- Jealous behavior.
- Degrading comments.
- Threatening to hurt you, your family, and himself or herself if you don't do what he or she wants.

Understand that being a victim of abuse is not your fault, and the longer you stay in the abusive relationship, the more violent it will become. Talk with your parents, a counselor, or someone you can trust for help. If you know someone that is in an abusive relationship, talk to the person or tell someone.

Local resources you can contact include:

- Personal Development Center (PDC) at 715-384-2971
- Family Center in Wisconsin Rapids at 715-421-8600.
- Marshfield Hannah Center 715-387-6300 (outreach office of the Family Center)

Remember no one is justified in attacking or harassing you. Don't put up with abuse, you deserve better.

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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

The month of April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to remind the public that everyone has a responsibility to report potential child abuse or any other type of child victimization. Each year law enforcement agencies investigate many reports of suspected child abuse and neglect.

If you know of a child that needs help, please call the following numbers:

- If the report is an emergency, please call 911.
- If there is a suspected abuse and it is not an emergency, please contact your local human services department or law enforcement agency.
  - Wood County Human Services Department – 715-421-8600
  - Marathon County Human Services Department – 715-261-7500
  - You can also call the Wood County Dispatch Center at 715-387-4394
- If the suspected abuse is in another jurisdiction, please contact that jurisdiction’s law enforcement agency or department of human services.

Children can’t get help if the incidents are not reported. So if you know someone that needs help, please call. You can place the call as an anonymous caller or you can text anonymously a message to the “Texting Tip Line”. Just dial **274637** (CRIMES) and begin your text message with the key word **WCCS**.

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