

# LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT



## DISPATCHER'S WINDOW,

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### DISPATCHER'S WINDOW: A NEW NAME

The Lincoln Police Dept. started the publication of the Dispatcher's Window to inform the community of crimes and other issues that may face us.

While the first edition was a great success, the second edition was assumed to be more of the same information. This became quickly apparent and a name search

was launched to provide the paper with an identity other than the new numbering system.

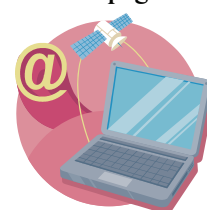
The Dispatcher's Window is intended as a community informational newsletter to provide safety tips, news and general information regarding the Lincoln Police Department and our community. The name Dis-

patcher's Window comes from the fact that for years, local residents have called or stopped by the Dispatcher's window to get information about issues important to the town. In keeping with tradition, town information will continue to come from the Dispatcher's Window.

#### Website

Check out our new and improved Lincoln Police Department Website at: [lincolnnhpd.org](http://lincolnnhpd.org)

New links to disaster preparedness, local and federal assistance programs and an all new kids page!



### Emergency Notification System

The Lincoln Police/Emergency Management are now capable of making instant telephone notifications to everyone in Lincoln in case of emergency. They are also able to limit the calls to certain geographical areas or categories.

Recently, a series of burglaries took place on the Main Street area of Lincoln. This system was utilized to notify every business listed

advise them of what safety precautions to take. In the future, it will be used to advise of approaching storms, traffic emergencies, or road construction that might affect residents. Other public safety messages may also be sent out at various times.

This system will allow us to reach out to the community if the situation warrants, to provide the information or guidance that might be

needed.

While every house has been listed in our directory, many people today use cell phones or may live in another geographical area. To register a cell phone or email address go to our website at [www.lincolnnhpd.org](http://www.lincolnnhpd.org) or complete the following form and return to the Police Station.



#### Lincoln Police Department Notification System Registry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LINCOLN POLICE SEEK CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public

safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

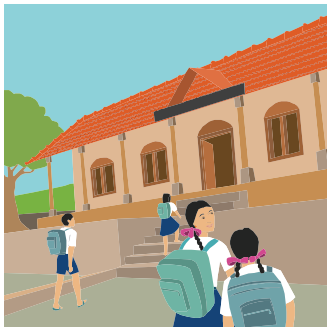
The evaluation by CALEA will take place from April 24th through April 27th, 2010. There will be a public hearing on April 26th, at 7pm at the Lincoln Town Hall. Any questions or concerns may be either emailed to:

[lincolnpdcalea@hotmail.com](mailto:lincolnpdcalea@hotmail.com)

or called in to (603) 348-8007 on April 26th, 2010 between the hours of 1-3 pm.



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



The School Resource Officer works in Lin-Wood School maintaining effective resources between school officials, students, parents and law enforcement officials. He performs operations and public relation duties and tasks specific to the position.

The School Resource Officer teaches appropriate classes to students, counsels students, attends disciplinary hearings, attends social or athletic events, attends PTA meetings, gathers intelligence, enforces laws, investigates crimes and complaints, and prepares statistical reports..

Your School Resource Officer is Officer Will Ulwick. Officer Ulwick has been with the LPD since 2007. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Michael's College in Vermont and is a certified DARE instructor. He has additional training with the Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

## GOOD MORNING PROGRAM

This program, that started in 1981, is utilized by the elderly and handicapped citizens of the community. It is designed to be a life saving program and it has proven to be just that. This program came into existence because of the many incidents involving elderly citizens that had fallen or become ill in their homes and were unable to call for help. In some cases, the person would not be discovered for over 24 hours.

The Good Morning Program

works this way: a person wishing to participate would complete a registration form. This requires an alternative contact person that may be called in case of emergency. The participant would leave a house key with either the Police Department or with a friend or neighbor, in case entry to the home becomes necessary. The participant is required to call the Lincoln Police Department Communications Center daily by 10am to let the dispatcher

know that everything is alright. If no call is received, the dispatcher will call the participant. If the dispatcher is unable to contact the participant, a police officer is dispatched to check on the person's welfare.

This program has saved lives, and also gives the chance for someone to say "Good Morning" and brighten their day.



## 2008/2009 CRIME STATISTICS

### CALLS FOR SERVICE    FELONIES    ARRESTS

2008	19,692	47	268
2009	19,829	43	170

**NOTE: STATISTICS ARE BASED UPON THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 30**



THE 911 CENTER AND THE LINCOLN POLICE SHARE A 911 CONSOLE. WHILE YOU INITIALLY ARE TALKING WITH A 911 OPERATOR, LINCOLN DISPATCH IS AWARE OF THE CALL AND IS TALKING WITH THE 911 OPERATOR & MONITORING THE CALL ON THE COMPUTER

## BEAR CONFRONTATIONS

Except for breeding and raising young, black bears are generally shy, retiring, solitary animals. They try to avoid humans and are considered non-aggressive except when injured, protecting their young, or protecting themselves. The black bear is inclined to escape from human presence. Bears are most active in the cool of the evening or early morning. During the heat of the day, they will seek shade in dense underbrush.

Black Bears have increased in population in a number of areas in the USA. The number of attacks by these, usually passive, bears has increased proportionally. Especially as we humans encroach on their habitat. Recorded killings by black bears this century total only 35 across North America. Most of these killings were unprovoked acts of predation. How likely is a black bear to be a killer? The 650,000 black bears of North America kill fewer than one person per 3

years, on the average, despite hundreds of thousands of encounters. To put this in perspective, for each death from a black bear across North America, there are approximately 17 deaths from spiders, 25 deaths from snakes, 67 deaths from dogs, 150 deaths from tornadoes, 180 deaths from bees and wasps, 374 deaths from lightning, and 90,000 homicides in the United States alone (data from the National Center for Health Statistics, 1980-1983).

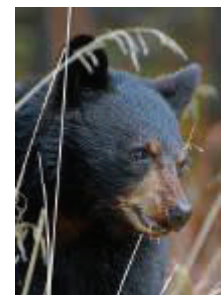
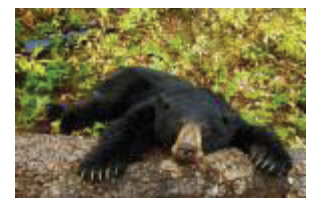
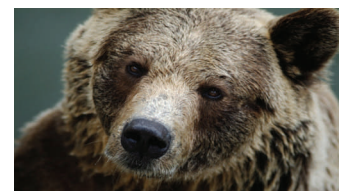
Source: <http://bear.org>

Make a wide detour or leave the area if you see a bear at a distance. If you cannot detour or retreat, wait until the bear moves from your path. Always leave the animal an escape route. Do not run. Most bears can run as fast as a racehorse. A scream or sudden movement can trigger an attack. Don't throw anything at a bear; it may provoke an attack.

Watch the bear for aggressive behavior--snapping its jaws together, making a "whoofing" sound, or keeping its head down with ears laid back. Consider any bear that moves toward you aggressive. If the bear does not seem to be displaying aggressive behavior, talk softly in monotones and slowly back up. If a bear rears on its hind legs and waves its nose in the air, it is trying to identify you. Keep still and speak in low tones.

Keep calm. Assess the situation. There is no guaranteed life-saving method to cope with an aggressive bear, but calm behavior has proven the most successful. Sometimes bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging and veering away at the last second. Back away quietly; never run!

Black bears are agile climbers, so a tree may not offer an escape from them.



# BEARS, BEARS & MORE BEARS

The number one animal complaint received by the police department during the summer months is from bear problems.

Bears are everywhere from Main Street to McDonalds. Several years ago one even walked into the police station, much to the horror of the dispatcher who quickly exited.

The reality is that bears live here too and that we can coexist with them.

In order to stop the bears dependency on trash and human handouts, the Town has enacted an wild animal ordinance. Warnings and fines will be issued to people who continue to attract bears.

Hopefully, then, the bears will no longer depend on the easy pickings of civilization.

The department has responded to bear calls with noise makers, game rounds that make noise and other tactics, all of which is ignored by the bears.

The latest tactic approved by the state game biologist is the use of a pepper ball gun round, which shoots an irritant at the bear and moves them away from the area.

Our concern is that the bears remain safe from humans and we do not have to destroy a bear because they become a nuisance or a danger to people.

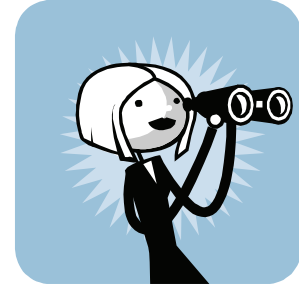
We will continue to look for new non dangerous ways to deal with bears and welcome suggestions

Please remember to

- Secure your trash
- Enjoy bears from a distance
- Remove bird feeders at night
- Use bear resistant containers

Thank you,

Chief Ted Smith



## MISSION STATEMENT

“The purpose of the Lincoln Police Department is to uphold the law fairly and firmly; to prevent crime; to pursue and bring to justice those who break the law; to keep the peace, to protect, help and reassure the community: and be seen to do all this with integrity, common sense and sound judgment.

We must be compassionate, courteous and patient, acting without fear or favor or prejudice to the rights of others. We need to be professional, calm and restrained in the face of violence and apply only that force which is necessary to accomplish our lawful duty.

We must strive to reduce the fears of the public and, so far as we can, to reflect their priorities in the action we take. We must respond to well founded criticism with a willingness to change.” (Adapted from the West Mercia Constabulary, UK)

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