July is National Fireworks Safety Month

There are plenty of great permitted shows going on in the area, but if you are going to be lighting them off yourself, please be careful. Here are some tips:

- **Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.**
- **Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.**
- **Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.**
- **Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of a fire.**

See one of these signs? Please don’t light off fireworks around a home that has one of these signs outside. Through the organization Military with PTSD and donations from the Global Giving Campaign, military veterans are able to request a free sign to post in their yards requesting neighbors to be respectful with fireworks. [www.militarywithptsd.org](http://www.militarywithptsd.org)

National Night Out is coming!

**Tuesday, 08/02/16  5pm-8pm**

We’re looking for donations for raffles, locals businesses to host booths, & volunteers for the event.

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Continued Police Training

Our Officers continued their regular training with a day at the range. They had a firearms training course and a BenU PD shooting competition at the end of June. The winning team based on target shooting scores as a whole was the day shift team of Sgt. Popp, Ofc. Steve VanLoan & Sgt. Vanderploeg (adjusted for 2015 shifts)

Baldilocks Academy is in full swing!

The Junior Police Academy was introduced to Officer Triplett who will be filling in for Sgt. Popp while he is away seeing his first grandchild (congrats Sgt. Popp!) Among the great topics that Baldilocks Academy teaches these youngsters are stranger danger, what physical characteristics to spot on suspects, when to dial 911, and weapons safety.

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Nice Weather = Bicycle Patrol

Watch for the Campus Officers out on Bicycle Patrol. Sgt. Sawyer heads the Bicycle Patrol Unit. Not only does this allow for more interaction and timely movement through campus, but there are many advantages to bicycle patrol, including:

- Bike patrols can go where traditional patrol vehicles can’t (like around the pond)
- Bicycle officers can use all of their senses to detect illegal activity (see, hear, and smell)
- Perpetrators are looking out for squad cars and don’t notice bicycles

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Velguth

One of our Dispatchers, Justin Velguth, married his finance on June 10th, 2016.

Please join us wishing a blessed marriage to Justin & Kristen.