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DO YOU KNOW ME?



Randy Voss has over (30) years of Policing experience. He is a retired Officer from North Aurora Police Department. Randy specializes in evidence maintenance and collection. Randy served on the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force before coming to BenU Police. Randy works nights.

SUSTAINABLE SATURDAY



Sustainable Saturday on March 19th

BenU and the Village of Lisle continue their partnership to recycle and prevent electronics from being put into landfills.

Bring your paper, plastics and electronics to Sustainable Saturday held in the Rice/Neuzil lot.

TORNADO PHENOMENON (ILLINOIS SEASON BEGINS IN MARCH)



In 2015, Illinois ranked 4th in the nation for tornadoes at 64. Illinois averages 44 tornados per year; however, there can always be more. 1974 holds the record for the most tornadoes in a year with 107.

Tornados are usually short in duration, are produced during severe thunderstorms, and are most frequently seen from mid-afternoon through the evening. Tornados typically move from southwest toward the northeast at speeds of 30 to 40 mph, but can move as fast as 70 mph and produce wind gusts of up to 300 mph.

Not every severe thunderstorm will produce a tornado, but if conditions are right, a tornado can develop in minutes. Tornados can take many forms, but are typically funnel shaped.

Tornado Watch: Conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. Expect heavy rains, hail, and high winds. Keep the radio/television on and listen for the latest weather information.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted in the area. Surrounding communities will sound their sirens as they see appropriate based on their Doppler readings. Seek Shelter immediately!

Check the emergency plan in your building, office or classroom to locate areas of refuge in the event of a tornado.



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OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY EFFORTS



Officer Jay Dunn and Sergeant Brian Sawyer were recognized by Deputy Chief Creekmore for their efforts in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The Traffic Safety Challenge is a program that BenU Police has had the privilege to rank 1st among colleges and universities on two occasions. Officer Jay Dunn was recognized for DUI enforcement and Sergeant Sawyer was recognized for Speed and Distracted Driving enforcement. We are hoping to place 1st again this year.

Our goal is to keep our community pedestrians and motorists safe. This is accomplished through focused enforcement of speeding, occupant protection, DUI and distracted driving. Most violations are handled with University citations unless State Statute or additional factors dictate other actions be taken.

Deputy Chief Creekmore coordinates the Traffic Safety Challenge program with the State and submits the agency's annual report to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police for evaluation.

BUPD SAFE-T ZONE

Benedictine University Police Department reminds our community of the "BUPD Safe-T Zone" (Safe Transaction Zone) in the police department lobby. The "Safe T Zone" will provide a safe place for our community to meet for transactions and transfers, especially when they are meeting strangers to buy or sell property. Appointments are not necessary. The police department lobby is open (24/7) and is under twenty-four hours video recorded surveillance.

Tips for avoiding Scams and Fraud

- Deal locally so you can meet in person.
- Never wire or transfer funds.
- Know that fake checks and money orders are common.
- Craigslist provides "No Buyer Protection".
- Never give out Financial Info.
- Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow fees.

Tips for safe online sales

- Insist on public meeting places.
- Do not invite strangers to your home.
- Take great care for personal safety when selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family where you're going to meet someone to complete such a transaction.
- Always have your cellular phone.
- Take a friend with you and trust your instincts.