



Quarterly Newsletter

Promotions in the Police Department



The Fox Point Police Department recently promoted Officer Kyle Arendt and Officer Ben Brouwer to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Arendt has been with the department since 2007. He currently teaches DARE in the Fox Point schools and is president of the Wisconsin DARE Officers Association. Sergeant Arendt also is a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) and a SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Test) instructor.

Sergeant Brouwer has been with the department since 2006. Sergeant Brouwer recently competed in the World Police and Fire Games in Virginia and won three bronze medals in separate firearms events. Sergeant Brouwer has

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***ALERT Hostage Scam ***

Recently, a Fox Point resident fell victim to this type of scam. The victim was contacted on their cell phone by an unknown caller who claimed to have been holding the victim's family member hostage and demanded money to be wired via MoneyGram for their return. The caller was very persuasive in convincing the victim to stay on the phone with them as the victim drove to the store and completed the money wire transaction. The victim was further instructed not to answer any incoming calls.

In this incident, another family member who had been also contacted by the scam artist, was attempting to make phone contact with the victim to alert them that this was a scam. Unfortunately, the family member was unsuccessful and the victim wired \$1,500 to the scam artists which could not be retrieved.

It is not uncommon for several scam artists to be working together and calling multiple family members at the same time, so the victims cannot make contact with each other. Many times it is a family member that will innocently give the scammer another family member's phone number.

Uncontrolled Intersections, Who Has the Right of Way? 346.18(1)

The concept of the right of way is important to understand since the law never really grants the right of way. The law simply states when the right of way must be yielded. Right of way can be used when the law permits its use by requiring that others yield the right of way to you. There are some ways for you to reduce this possibility when you are driving however, the right of way must be yielded to other drivers in the following instances:

- *At a yield sign;
- *To pedestrians in a crosswalk;
- *To persons using a Seeing Eye guide dog;
- *To persons using a white cane with or without a red tip;
- *At uncontrolled intersections where vehicles are already in the intersection;
- *At "T" intersections where you must yield to vehicles on the through road;
- *When turning left in which case you must yield to oncoming pedestrians, cars, etc;
- *When driving on an unpaved road that intersects with a paved road; and
- *When returning to the roadway after the car is parked.

Few areas of traffic safety are more misunderstood than the **"Yield to the Driver on the Right" rule**. This is the rule that controls most intersections when drivers arrive at an intersection simultaneously.

For instance, you come upon a stop sign at the same time as another driver in a cross street and he is on your right. You yield (give up) the right of way to that driver by letting him go first. If you reach an uncontrolled intersection at close to the same time, the vehicle who actually reached the intersection last is the driver who must yield the right of way. If you reach the intersection at the same time, the driver on the left should yield the right of way.

Bicycles, since they are considered "vehicles," are subject to the same rules as other drivers; they are not always granted the right of way.

*When turning left at an intersection, you must yield to oncoming traffic.

*When merging into traffic, do not attempt to merge if the driver behind you must slow down to let you in.

*You must, of course, yield the right of way to emergency vehicles when they have their emergency equipment activated.

Should you ever insist on the right of way?

The driver should never assume that other drivers will start or complete any maneuver and should never insist on the right of way nor attempt to force their way into traffic. Drivers should try to anticipate other driver's actions as well as yielding whenever needed or required by law. Giving up the right of way to other drivers also helps to avoid crashes, as does gaining eye contact with all operators of motor vehicles that come directly into conflict with you. Drivers should attempt to be both courteous and conscientious toward other drivers and learn to be a defensive driver.



"School Zone" Speed Enforcement

As you may or may not know the speed limit by Maple Dale School is 15 MPH during the arrival and dismissal times to school. The morning school zone speed limit begins at approximately 8:00 AM and ends at approximately 8:30 AM. The afternoon school zone speed limit begins at approximately 3:30 PM and ends at approximately 4:00 PM.

Should you fail to slow down and continue at 35 MPH into the school zone and you get stopped,

you will receive a speeding citation for traveling 20 MPH over the speed limit. Your citation will have 6 demerit points and will be either \$187 or \$313. The larger fine would be issued if children were actually in the school zone.

Passing slower moving vehicles by using the turn lane is also against state statute and could result in a forfeiture of \$155.50 and 3 demerit points.