

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dear Clay County Citizens

As your sheriff, I am always looking for ways to make Clay County a safer place to live. My heartfelt goal is to make the citizens and homeowner's of Clay County better informed as to not only safety measures and tactics in your neighborhood but to make you aware of other programs and initiatives that the Sheriff's Office is spearheading.

First and foremost, if you're an HOA President or Officer or belong to a Homeowner's Association or you are a resident of Clay County, and could contact my office to let me know when a good time would be to meet with you or your Association to discuss safety measures and tactics that can be deployed in your neighborhood to assist in preventing residential burglaries, home invasions, child abductions, illegal drugs, theft, assault, I would appreciate it. I feel that it's extremely important to make myself available in person to listen to your safety concerns and issues in your neighborhoods. As an example of ongoing neighborhood crime, on June 15, 2015, there was an attempted child abduction at 57th and Flora in Gladstone, MO. No neighborhood is exempt from this type of crime. We all have to be on the alert and safety minded when it comes to our homes and our families. I look forward to your call and setting a time and date for a future meeting with you or your Association to discuss safety strategy in your neighborhood.

The Sheriff's Office has other safety programs that we are actively promoting as well. In 2014, I initiated a Women's Self-Defense Program that is extremely popular, and is taught by Sheriff's Deputies, that are certified self-defense instructors. The Program is offered to any women 17 years of age or older, and are Clay County residents. If you're interested in attending, it's a one-hour class, normally held at a business, school, or church. There is no cost to participate in this class. Just contact the Sheriff's Office for more information.

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In addition, I have set up an "Online Exchange Program" for Clay County Residents to conduct in-person transactions when you are buying or selling items, similar to Craigslist, which can be done at the Sheriff's Office, safely and securely and is monitored 24/7. There is also an audio/video recording of each transaction. Again you can call the Sheriff's Office for details.

Also, on Saturday, June 27th, 9:00 am. To 12 Noon, the Sheriff's Office and the Clay County Commissioners are hosting "Project Identity Theft" in the Southeast parking lot next to the Rooney Center Courthouse facility. (Intersection of E. Mill and S. Missouri Streets). There will be a "Shred-it" truck parked in the lot for (3) hours to accept any old, outdated, or confidential records that you would like to shred, e.g. medical, tax, personal with SSN identifiers. Each vehicle or person will be limited to (3) boxes of records. (Banker sized boxes). There will be voluntary County employees and Sheriff Deputies to assist in shredding your old files and records. This is another preventative safety measure offered to Clay County residents. There is no charge for this service.

Finally, I am always interested in listening and talking to you, the citizens of Clay County, especially when it comes to suggestions on how to improve law enforcement services, or issues that you may not agree with or just need further clarification. Communication with the Sheriff's Office, and you the citizens of Clay County, should always be honest, open and reciprocal. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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