

North Aurora Police Department

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A WORD FROM THE PD

Hi Folks,

Back to School

With children back in school, please help by following the rules and parking restrictions when dropping off or picking up your children. Also, be more alert in school zones and obey the traffic laws. Officers will be out enforcing traffic before and after school.

Crime Prevention Recommendations for Children

For the purpose of these recommendations, children will be defined as elementary age (grades K through 6) and lower.

Begin With the Basics

- Make sure children know their full name, address (city and state), and telephone number including area code.
- Be sure children know how to call 9-1-1 and how to use a pay telephone.
- Teach children never to accept rides or gifts from someone they don't know.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard or police officer for help if lost in a mall or store or on the street.
- Children should be accompanied to public rest rooms.
- Teach children that no one, not even someone they know, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. Tell them they have the right to say "No" in this situation.
- Show children safe places they can go in your neighborhood in an emergency, like a trusted neighbor's house.
- Inspect your neighborhood for areas that threaten children's safety, like brush in wooded areas, overgrown shrubbery, poor lighting, etc.

At School and Play

- Encourage children to walk and play with friends, not alone. Tell them to avoid places that could be dangerous — vacant buildings, alleys, new construction, wooded areas, etc.

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- Make sure children take the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friend's houses.
- Teach children to walk confidently and to be alert to what's going on around them.
- Tell children to avoid strangers who may hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, empty buildings, etc.
- Teach children to always take the same way home from school.
- Children should not walk next to curbs.
- Children should not play alone on playgrounds.
- Children should not wear expensive jewelry or clothing to school.
- A child should check in with a parent or trusted neighbor as soon as they arrive home from school someone should know if they are staying late at school.
- Parents should take time to listen carefully to children's fears and feelings about people or places that scare them or make them feel uneasy. Tell them to trust their instincts. Take complaints about bullies seriously.
- Children should be taught to settle argument with words, not fists or weapons.
- Children should be taught never to take guns, knives or other weapons to school. They should be taught to tell a school official immediately if they see another student with a gun, knife or other weapon.

At Home Alone

- Children should check in with a parent or trusted neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- Children should carry their house key on them in a concealed place. It should not be left hidden outside the house.
- Children must be taught to use the door and window locks and alarm system, if there is one.
- Children should know to never allow anyone into the home without the parent's permission.
- Children should never let a caller at the door or on the telephone know that they are alone.
- Children must be taught how to escape a house in case of fire.
- Children should be taught not to go into an empty house or apartment if things don't look right — a broken window, ripped screen or open door, for example.
- Parents should take the time to talk to children about the deadly consequences of guns, medicines, power tools, drugs, alcohol,

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cleaning products and inhalants. These items should be in a secure place out of sight and locked up.

- When home alone, children should be able to easily locate key telephone numbers:
 - Parent's work number(s).
 - Numbers of relatives or trusted neighbors.
 - Police and fire department.
 - Poison Control Center.

Attention Senior Citizens - TRIAD event

The Southeast Kane Co TRIAD is offering a new program to active adults to make them aware of "Who's Really Knocking on the Door?" Local utility companies, police agencies, and various other agencies will "walk the runway" to make seniors aware of what these uniforms should look like and give them valuable safety information. This is free and will be held at the Prisco Center in Aurora on Tuesday, September 13th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Again, there is no cost for this program, but please preregister by calling 630-859-8606. (JHP) The Barcode is 47995. Hope to see you there!

Press Release - Reckless Discharge of Firearm – 8/24/2011

At 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011, officers of the North Aurora Police Department were dispatched to the 200 blk. of Linn Ct. for a domestic dispute. While officers were enroute, dispatch advised that a shot had been fired in the residence.

Upon arrival, officers found a female and three children already out of the residence, while the male subject was still inside. The male was later identified as Charles Treadwell, 24, of the 200 blk. of Linn Ct., North Aurora.

Officers of the North Aurora and Aurora police departments set up a perimeter and evacuated nearby townhomes for the safety of the residents. Shortly thereafter, Officers made telephone contact with Treadwell inside the residence and at 5:15 p.m., he voluntarily came out of the residence and was taken into custody without further incident. He was transported to the North Aurora Police Department, 200 S. Lincolnway, for further investigation.

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The perimeter was released at 5:37 p.m. and residents were allowed to go back to their homes.

Detectives recovered a handgun and ammunition from the residence. Treadwell was charged with:

- 1 count of Reckless Discharge of a Firearm (Class 4 Felony)
- 1 count of Possession of Firearm without FOID card (Class A Misdemeanor)
- 1 count of Possession of Firearm Ammunition without FOID card (Class A Misdemeanor)

Treadwell appeared at a bond hearing at the Aurora Branch Court, 1200 E. Indian Trail, Aurora this morning and a judge set his bond at \$10,000 / 10% to apply. This means he needs to post \$1,000.00 in order to be released until his court date.

He was transferred to the Kane County Adult Correctional Center this morning. He is considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Quote of the Day

"In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield."

- Warren Buffett

Joke of the Day

Criminal Law

A man is on trial for armed robbery. The jury comes back with the verdict. The foreman stands, clears his throat, and announces, "Not guilty."

The defendant leaps to his feet. "Awesome!" he shouts. "Does that mean I get to keep the money?"