

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Letter

January 2013



Wildwood Precinct

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What's Going on in Wildwood / Upcoming Events

City of Wildwood Events www.cityofwildwood.com

January 26, 2013 – Frozen Feet Run – LaSalle Middle School, 3300 Hwy 109 – Go to www.cityofwildwood.com for entry form/flyer.

Vehicle Accidents in Wildwood – 2012 Individually Reported Accidents

Ever wonder why the City of Wildwood Officers work traffic so much. Some of the same attributes that make the City of Wildwood so beautiful can be hazardous under the wrong conditions. A little rain, snow or ice can turn our hills and curves into a slip and slide. Throw in a deer or two, a lot of wooded areas and some nasty ravines and we have the makings for some serious vehicle accidents. I haven't even mentioned inattention, inexperienced drivers or those who just have the need for speed. All of these factors and a million others I haven't discussed lead to the numbers you will see below.

These Statistics are for the City of Wildwood between 12:00am, January 1, 2012 and 11:59pm, December 31, 2012.

Total Accidents – 569	State Route 109 – 181 Accidents and 47 injuries
Total Vehicles Involved – 926	State Route 100 – 58 Accidents and 12 injuries
Total Injuries – 128	Clayton Road – 37 Accidents and 10 injuries
Total Fatalities – 2	Manchester Road – 31 Accidents and 6 injuries
	Old State Road – 32 Accidents and 10 injuries
	Secondary Roads – 230 Accidents and 43 injuries

- Three Most Hazardous Miles**
- 1) Highway 109 from Acacia Road, north to Hidden Valley Forest Drive. (45 Accidents)
 - 2) Highway 109 from New College Avenue, north to Lafayette Trails Drive. (41 Accidents)
 - 3) Highway 109 from Clayton Road, north to Route BA, south most intersection. (28 Accidents)

Ten Highest Accident Intersections for 2012

- 1) Hwy 100 at Westglen Farms Dr
- 2) Hwy 109 at Hwy 100
- 3) Hwy 109 at Clayton Rd
- 4) Hwy 100 at Taylor Rd
- 5) Hwy 109 at Manchester Rd
- 6) Hwy 109 at New College Ave
- 7) Hwy 109 and Old State Rd
- 8) Old State Rd at Old State Spur
- 9) Hwy 109 at Shepard Rd
- 10) Hwy 109 at Route BA, south side

Deer Struck by Vehicles

Unlike vehicle vs. vehicle, the vehicle vs. deer accidents, most of the time, remain unreported by the driver. It is the general consensus of the Wildwood Police Officers and is consistent with the statistics we have gathered; that many of the vehicle vs. deer accidents go unreported and undetected. The fact is that many deer are struck with the deer being injured and running into nearby woods to die. The driver continues on his way without notifying the police and without a visible carcass along the roadway, making accurate statistics extremely difficult.

Deer related accidents are virtually unavoidable for the driver and therefore non-preventable from an enforcement standpoint. If anything could help prevent these accidents it would be getting drivers to slow down and be more attentive.

Deer Incident Totals for the year of 2012 are as follows:

- 48 – Deer destroyed by officers due to injuries.
- 146 – Deer struck where no accident report was made. (Deer found by road)
- 68 – Deer struck where an accident report was made.
- 251 – Total number of known deer strikes during 2012.

Crime Statistics for St. Louis County

Another year has passed and the numbers drop even lower. For the last four consecutive years the crime rate statistics have decreased from that of the year prior in St. Louis County.

For a related article go to <http://eureka-wildwood.patch.com/articles/st-louis-county-crimes-lowest-in-four-decades?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001>

Wildwood Precinct Face book Page

Quite often I receive e-mail notifications from Face book where someone wants to advise me of an incident in Wildwood. If you would like to report an incident I ask that you call the precinct to make a report. I utilize Face book as a tool to inform residents but not to receive information. The Wildwood Precinct Face book does not allow comments for the obvious reason of it being a government site and the concern of the rare but possible inappropriate comments that may show up.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Wildwood Precinct	636-458-9194	Crime Stoppers	866-371-8477
Non-Emergency 911	314-889-2341	Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-7233
Wildwood City Hall	636-458-0440	Drug Hotline	314-863-3673
Animal Control	314-726-6655	Neighborhood Preservation	314-615-4151

Please feel free to contact the Neighborhood Policing Officers Jamie Reiter and Brad Wood at 636-458-9194 in reference to neighborhood concerns or initiating a Neighborhood Watch Group for your subdivision. We can also be reached at jreiter@stlouisco.com or bwood@stlouisco.com