

From the Police Department

From the desk of Chief Sturgill...



As we 'Fall Back' to Shorter Days, Take Extra Care on the Road



Shorter days, fatigue, compromised night vision, rush hour and impaired drivers all contribute to making driving at night more dangerous than any other time of day. In fact, the risk of a fatal crash is three times greater at night, according to National Safety Council research.

When Daylight Saving Time ends - for 2018, that's 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 - many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark, and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver.

Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet (250 feet for normal headlights) creating less time to react to what should you do to combat darkness?

- Make sure headlights are working correctly and make sure they're clean
- Dim your dashboard
- Look away from oncoming lights
- If you wear glasses, make sure they're anti-reflective
- Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks
- Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time
- Limit driving to daytime hours if necessary
- **Compromised Night Vision**
- Night vision is the ability to see well in low-light conditions. As we age, we have greater difficulty seeing at night. A 50-year-old driver may need twice as much light to see as well as a 30-year-old. At age 60 and older, driving can become even more difficult, according to the American Optometric Association. Some older drivers also may have compromised vision due to cataracts and degenerative eye diseases.



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The AOA recommends older drivers:

- Have annual vision exams
- Reduce speed
- Take a driving course; even experienced drivers can benefit from a refresher course, and some of the rules have probably changed
- Minimize distractions, like talking with passengers or listening to the radio
- Check with your doctor about side effects of prescription drugs



Village Hunting

On September 29, 2018 the Ohio Deer Archery season officially opened. With the hunting season here, we would just like to remind everyone of the hunting laws within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights



618.12 HUNTING.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in division (b) of this section, no person shall hunt, kill or attempt to kill any animal or fowl by the use of firearms, bow and arrow, air rifle or any other means within the Village.
- (b) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to issue a permit to owners of real property within the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property owner's own property or to a resident of the Village to permit bow and arrow hunting on the property on which the resident resides, provided that the resident provides the Chief of Police written consent of the property owner for hunting on the property. A person to whom a permit is issued may hunt by bow and arrow on other property within the Village with the express permission of the property owner. All hunting must be conducted in compliance with Ohio hunting and game laws. There shall be no fee for the issuance of said permit.



Please make sure to bring your ID and OH hunting license and deer permits with you when obtaining your Village permit.

Please make sure that you keep all permits and permission letters from the property owner on your person.

Go to <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov> for more information on Ohio hunting regulations.



The members of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to wish all a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a healthy and safe start to the 2018 holiday season!

Respectfully;

Chief Stargill

From the Dispatch Department



Happy Thanksgiving from your Cuyahoga Heights Police Dispatchers. May you have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.



Just a reminder to all our residents that if you are going on vacation you can call dispatch at 883-6800 to put a special attention on your home. We are going to ask you when you will be leaving and when you will be returning home, if you have stopped your mail and paper, if you are going to leave any lights on in your home, if anyone will be stopping at your home during your absence and an emergency telephone number in case there is a problem. Dispatch will then forward that information to the police officers, so they can check your residence throughout the day and night.