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Scam Resource Center

www.ic3.gov

Internet Crime Complaint Center allows you to file cyber crime complaints online and publishes press releases tracking the latest cyber crime trends.

www.fraud.org

The National Fraud Information Center allows you to file complaints and provides tips to prevent fraud crimes. NFIC also provides a 24 Hour Fraud Complaint Hotline: 800-876-7060.

www.fcc.gov

The Federal Communications Commission's Consumer Center offers information on phone fraud. Consumers can call 888-CALL-FCC to report scams.

Neighborhood News

Neighborhood News is a quarterly publication brought to you by the Lee's Summit Police Department's Public Information Unit. Newsletters feature information regarding regional crime trends, seasonal safety tips, and LSPD crime prevention programs. If you would like to add information about recent activities hosted by your Neighborhood Watch group, please contact Community Interaction Officers at (816) 969-1708 or LSPDCIO@CITYOFLS.NET. Include photos of your event.

Newsletters will be distributed quarterly via email to Neighborhood Watch Coordinators. Newsletters are also available online at

www.cityofls.net/police.aspx under the "Neighborhood News" tab.

Crime Focus: How to Protect Yourself from the Three Most Common Scams

As our society has become more technologically advanced, criminals have capitalized on new opportunities to take advantage of unsuspecting law-abiding citizens by re-inventing a few age-old scams.

The Kansas City metro area has seen an increase in three common scams. First, is the Money Order or "Secret Shopper" Scam. In this scam, the victim receives a money order with a request that they deposit the money. The victim is offered a "deal," stating that they can keep some of the money if they forward the rest to an unknown person, business or organization. You should never accept money orders in these circumstances. The criminal is looking to trick you out of money.

Second is the "Grandchild in Trouble" scam. This scam targets senior citizens. The victim receives a phone call from someone who claims to be their grandchild. The caller says something like they're in jail, have had an accident, or their out of the country and their money was lost or stolen. The caller tells the victim not to tell anyone, especially their parents, then requests the victim sends the money out of the country (usually Canada).

Finally, the "Utility" Scam occurs when the victim receives a call from someone posing as their utility company (electric, gas, water, etc.), claiming they didn't include a check with their bill or their bill hasn't been paid. The caller tells the victim if they don't make a payment over the phone, they'll be charged a late fee or will have their utility service turned off. The caller then asks for the victim's credit card or bank account information. Never agree to pay by phone and never give your personal information to anyone claiming to be a bill collector. Tell the utility company you'll pay in person.

This article contributed by Detective C. Albin.

Citizen's Academy



Codes Administration

The Neighborhood Services Division of the Lee's Summit Codes Administration provides citizens the opportunity to file Codes concerns or questions electronically. Go to www.cityofls.net and click on "MAIN," then click on "Contact Us" on the side menu. Neighborhood Services is listed under the "Department/Contact" Tab.

<mailto:lspdcio@cityofls.net>

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) was established in 1993 and is a free, informational program for Lee's Summit residents and business owners who are interested in learning more about the daily operations of the Lee's Summit Police Department. The CPA is an intensive, 10-week, thirty-hour course that meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm beginning February 27th, 2018 and ending May 1st, 2018. Lee's Summit Police Officers and employees teach the course and topics covered include: Patrol tactics, bomb disposal, Emergency Services Squad (SWAT), drug, criminal, and juvenile investigations, Traffic and DWI enforcement, criminal law, K-9 unit, firearms and situational training.

Completion of the CPA does not certify citizens as Police or Reserve Police Officers. Participants must be at least 17 years of age. Applications are being accepted Now — February 14, 2018. For a full list of requirements and to download applications, please visit: www.cityofls.net/Police/Programs-and-Services/Citizens-Police-Academy.aspx. Applications are also available at the Police Department, Monday—Friday from 7:00am to 8:00pm. For additional information, please contact the Public Information Office at (816) 969-1707.

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