



## April is Illinois Distracted Driving Month Normal Police Department is participating



### DROP IT AND DRIVE

#### Sec. 12-610.2. Electronic communication devices.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Electronic communication device" means an electronic device, including but not limited to a hand-held wireless telephone, hand-held personal digital assistant, or a portable or mobile computer, but does not include a global positioning system or navigation system or a device that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle.

(b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device.

(b-5) A person commits aggravated use of an electronic communication device when he or she violates subsection (b) and in committing the violation he or she was involved in a motor vehicle accident that results in great bodily harm, permanent disability, disfigurement, or death to another and the violation was a proximate cause of the injury or death.

(c) A second or subsequent violation of this Section is an offense against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles. A person who violates this Section shall be fined a maximum of \$75 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$125 for a third offense, and \$150 for a fourth or subsequent offense.

Exemptions: Police and Fire during the course of their duties, using in hands free mode, reporting an emergency, while parked on the shoulder, commercial vehicle viewing a message on a permanently mounted device, driver using a two-way radio CB, a driver using an electronic communication device by pressing a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR CELL PHONE DOWN WHILE DRIVING. ACCIDENTS HAVE INCREASED SINCE THE INCLUSION OF CELL PHONES INSIDE OUR VEHICLES. NPd IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS DETAIL UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.**



#### What Neighborhood Watch is:

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime, solve problems, and improve the quality of life in your area.

#### What Neighborhood Watch is not:

It is not a program designed for participants to undertake personal risks to deter crime.



Nextdoor.com is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.



## Normal Residential Burglaries January thru March 2018

There were **12 residential burglaries** reported in the Town of Normal from January 1st until March 31st 2018. The following list includes burglaries of private residences organized by date. Burglaries from apartment complexes in the Illinois State University campus area are not included in this information.

Report Date	Report Time	Block	Street	Mode of Entry	Estimated Loss Value
2/11/18	Midnite	1800	Jacobssen	Force	\$600
3/27/18	10:30 PM	600	Whispering Pines CC	Force (window)	\$7300
3/28/18	1:30 AM	1600	Fairfield Ct	No	\$0
<b>Total</b>				<b>5 Burglaries</b>	<b>\$7900</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR DOORS. IT IS THE NUMBER 1 METHOD OF ENTRY IN ALL BURGLARIES!!**

There were also 17 vehicle burglaries reported throughout the Town of Normal between January and March 2018

## SCAMS

**IRS SCAMS:** On March 6, 2018, the Internal Revenue Service reminded taxpayers to be careful with continuing aggressive phone scams as criminals pose as IRS agents in hopes of stealing money. Con artists make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They convince the victim to send cash, usually through a wire transfer or a prepaid debit card or gift card. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls," or send a phishing email.

### **The IRS Will Never:**

- ◆ Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.
- ◆ Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- ◆ Demand that taxes be paid without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- ◆ Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- ◆ Call you about an unexpected refund.