



# VALLEY PARK POLICE

## A St Louis County Police Partnership

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2023



Our department is implementing a new tool called the "Community Crime Lead" Portal. The portal is intended to be a quick and easy-to-use way for residents to report quality-of-life crimes such as speeding vehicles, suspicious activity, illegal dumping, abandoned cars, or similar crimes that do not require an emergency response. The portal can be used by **all** residents living within St. Louis County Police Department patrol boundaries, which includes the city of Valley Park.

## COMMUNITY CRIME LEAD PORTAL



Report quality-of-life crimes:

**SPEEDING VEHICLES**  
**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**  
**EXTREME PATROL REQUEST**  
**ILLEGAL DUMPING**

**FOR IN-PROGRESS AND  
EMERGENCY CONCERNS, CALL 911**



If you are experiencing an emergency or in-progress crime, or need immediate assistance in a life-or-death situation, call 911. Do not use the portal. To access the portal, use the link below and fully complete the form each time you use it.

Community Crime Lead Portal: <http://ow.ly/wkMw50NH6Ny>

Want to know which precinct you live in?

Check out our Find My Precinct map: <http://stlouiscountypolice.com/precincts/>

## MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND POCKET BIKES

**Motorized Scooter-** a scooter is similar to foot powered but powered by an internal combustion engine or electricity, 49cc or smaller, and a maximum speed of 30 mph.

**Pocket Bike-** miniature replica of a full-size motorcycle powered by an internal combustion engine or electricity, 49cc or smaller, and a maximum speed of 30 mph.

**Motorcycle-** more than 49cc and a maximum speed exceeding 30mph

**Motor Vehicle-** any mechanical device on wheels, in, upon, or by which persons may be transported upon a highway, roadway, alleyway, or driveway, not moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails or tracks.



## DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS?

- Does the operator of a motorized scooter/pocket bike need to be licensed in order to operate on a roadway? **YES**
- Does the operator need to be motorcycle qualified? **NO**
- How old do you have to be to operate a motorized scooter/pocket bike on a roadway? **16**
- Do motorized scooters/pocket bikes need to be inspected/licensed? **NO**
- Does the operator of a motorized scooter/pocket bike need to show proof of insurance if stopped by the police? **NO**
- Are operators of motorized scooters/pocket bikes required to wear helmets? **NO, but are recommended.**



\*Recommended riding apparel: Helmet, Eye Protection, Long-sleeved shirt, Long pants, Sturdy shoes or boots



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### DID YOU KNOW?

The St. Louis County Police Department's, Valley Park Detail, is comprised of 14 Patrol Officers and 1 Lieutenant, with a combined 173 years of experience to their duties. With an average of nearly 12 years on the job, these dedicated professionals have honed their skills and developed a deep understanding of the community they serve. From responding to emergencies and enforcing traffic laws to investigating crimes and building relationships with residents, the Valley Park Police Detail is committed to providing top-notch service to all those who call this area home. Their wealth of experience allows them to tackle any challenge with confidence and expertise, ensuring that Valley Park remains a safe and thriving community for years to come.



### What is National Police Week?

National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others who work in law enforcement. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law

enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other.

Each year St. Louis County sends several Officers to represent the department and its own fallen officers. The Pipes and Drums Corps also attend and participate in the Memorial's services.

To make a donation to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund visit: [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org).

