



City of Kimball

May 2013

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- May 23 - May 28

City Hall Office Hours:

Monday:
8:00am – 4:30pm

Tuesday:
8:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday:
8:00am – 6:00pm

Friday:
8:00am – 4:30pm

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- July 16
- August 6
- September 3
- September 17
- October 1
- November 5
- November 19
- December 3



A message from the Police Department

Spring Has Arrived!

As the snow (finally) stops coming down and the weather gets warmer, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to be on the look-out for bike and pedestrian traffic.

Rules of the Road

- Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.
- Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- Bicyclists must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.
- Bicyclists should always wear helmets.



Check out the enclosed flyer to see how to properly fit your bicycle helmet!

Pedestrian Safety

Another area of concern with the arrival of summer is pedestrian safety.

Protect yourself and your family by doing the following:

Walk on the Sidewalk - Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks. If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

Cross at Intersections - Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections.

Look left, right, and left for traffic - Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal.

See and Be Seen - Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver's blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark. Do not let kids play near traffic or cross the street by themselves. Kids are small, and drivers may not see them if they run into the street.

To Keep Pedestrians Safe Treat Every Corner as a Crosswalk

Motorists must treat every corner and intersection as a crosswalk, whether it's marked or unmarked, and drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians — it's the law.

Minnesota law states pedestrians must obey traffic control devices, and when no traffic control device is present, motorists must stop for crossing pedestrians within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.

Tips for Drivers

- Watch for and anticipate pedestrians — especially in urban areas, around schools and colleges.
- Drive at safe speeds — pedestrians can be difficult to see, especially in bad weather or at night.
- It's the law to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, even if it's not marked — stop far enough back so drivers in other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.



Seat Belts Save Lives!

Recently on the news you may have seen coverage of accident scenes on the freeway where multiple people were injured and victims were ejected from vehicles.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety; a record percentage of Minnesotans buckle up – 94 percent – yet each year more than half of the motorists killed in crashes aren't belted – translating to more than 150 deaths and more than 400 serious injuries annually.

In rollover crashes, unbelted motorists are usually ejected from the vehicle – in most cases, the vehicle will rollover them. In less severe crashes, an unbelted motorist will crack teeth out on the steering wheel or break their nose, and even slam into and injure others in the vehicle.

Seat belts restrain motorists in the vehicle's designed protective space, giving them room to live in the event of a crash. Seat belts also keep a motorist correctly positioned behind the wheel to help maintain control of a vehicle.

One of the most heart-wrenching things to deal with in our profession is coming upon an accident scene knowing that some of the horrific injuries may have been prevented by the use of a seat belt and the use of proper child restraints.

Please take a moment to read the following information to help protect you and your loved ones.

Child Safety Seat - Once your baby is born, follow these four easy steps to keep your little passenger safe on the road.

- For the best possible protection keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds.
- When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
- Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall).
- When children outgrow their booster seats, (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall) they can use the adult seat belts in the back seat, if they fit properly (lap belts lay across the thighs and the should belts fit across the chest).

Booster seats keep the lap belt positioned properly around a child's hips and the shoulder belt in the correct position. Boosters must be used with a lap and shoulder belt. If a vehicle is equipped with a lap belt only, have shoulder belts installed. Some boosters come with a high back, others come with out a back, but both must be used with a lap and shoulder belt. Boosters without a back may only be used in vehicles with a head rest.

As a Police Officer we witness many things while on duty, and child safety is always a concern. As a parent you may know the rules about child restraints, but does the child's grandparent? A booster seat that is used at the kitchen table should **NEVER** be used in a vehicle. A rear-facing car seat should **NEVER** be placed in the front seat of a car.

Believe it or not, we have witnessed both of these situations among many others while on patrol.

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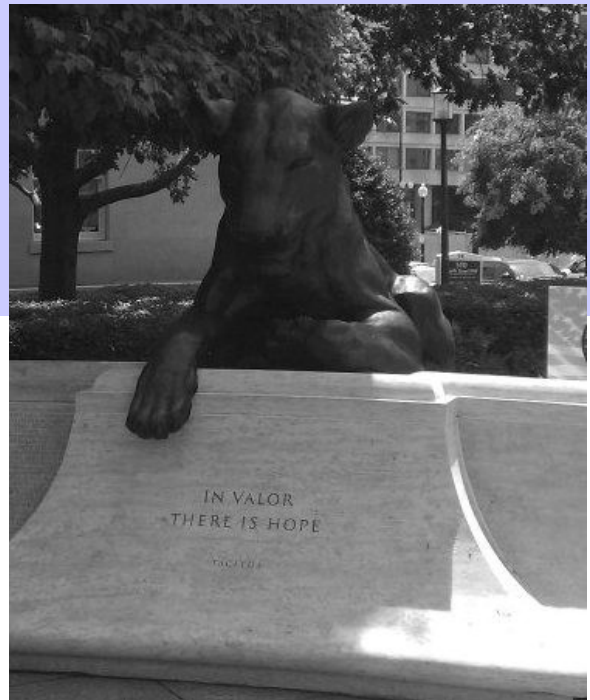
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In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week 2013 will be Sunday, May 12th through Saturday, May 18th.



A reminder about curfew - Persons Subject to Curfew. Every person under the age of 16 years shall be subject to the curfew restrictions of this section. For purposes of this section, such person shall be designated as a "child."

Curfew Times. No child shall lurk, loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, schools, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment or refreshment, or any other unsupervised places within this City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day.

Exceptions. The provisions of this Section do not apply: To a child who is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. To a child who is upon some necessary errand by permission or direction of his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. Such permission shall be in writing and signed by the parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child.

Parental Responsibility. Except as provided herein, any parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of a child who permits the child to violate the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

School Nights. The provisions of this Section shall be temporarily suspended and shall not apply to any child, parent, guardian, or other person having the care or custody of the child, if the child is lawfully going to, attending or returning from any official school sponsored event, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. of the morning following the event.