



JULY 2008

The Crystal Beat



What's Up In Crystal:



***Be Aware –**

We have received several complaints about golf carts on the roads.

Reminder: seatbelt use is required the same as in a car. Golf carts must be modified for road use and insured and registered in order to be driven legally on the road. We are enforcing the law strictly as it relates to golf carts.

***NOTICE:**

We have received numerous complaints about speeders around the lake. The speed limit on North Shore Drive and Strait Tow is **25 MPH!** The speed limit on South Shore Drive is **30 MPH.** Violators of the speed limit will be ticketed.

***Property Inspections:**

Property Inspections will be conducted again this winter. To sign up to have your property checked while you are gone, you will need to fill out a property inspection request. They are available at the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office or with Deputy Doezeema while he is on patrol.

Deputy Andy Doezeema: Phone: 989.831.5253 or 989.831.7590 x 7824
Montcalm County Sheriff's Office

Montcalm County Community Information System: www.montcalm.org

Statistics:

Taken from Crystal Township June 2008 monthly reports.

TOTAL MILES: 1370
SUBJECTS INVESTIGATED: 12
TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 4
ARRESTS: 6
LIQUOR INSPECTIONS: 5
TRAFFIC STOPS: 11
COMPLAINTS FROM DISPATCH: 29
VERBAL WARNINGS: 7



Safe Summer Campfires:

Here are a few suggestions to ensure that your campfires will be safe.

- When selecting a site for a campfire, avoid areas near buildings, fallen trees, tree trunks, or low overhanging branches.
- Scrape all leaves and litter away down to bare earth for at least five feet on all sides of the fire. Dig a pit in the center of this circle and surround it with rocks.
- Build your campfire downwind and at a safe distance from your cottage or tent, never leave it unattended, and after you light it, throw your match into the fire. If any sparks escape the campfire, have a shovel or rake handy to suppress them.

When it's time to leave the campfire and head to bed or back to town, make sure you put the campfire out – **DEAD OUT!**

- *Drown* all embers, sticks, and coals, especially those that might have fallen under the rocks
- *Stir* the coals to make sure all heat has been removed
- *Drown* the area again

Please remember that wildfire prevention is your individual responsibility. Be alert to weather conditions, especially wind; and **ALWAYS** be careful with fire. It has been dry here this summer, so be extra careful!

Fires in Crystal:



***Reminder -**

Campfires are allowed in Crystal, however, burning of trash, leaves or other material that creates offensive odors is a violation of Township Ordinance!

If you have any questions, please call the Crystal Township Hall at: (989) 235-4800, or Crystal Fire Chief Lonnie Fitzpatrick at (989) 235-4876