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Press Release

New Web Site Helps Victims of Cyber Crimes

Cyber Crimes Unit establishes web presence and provides helpful tips for prevention.

Winthrop Harbor, IL – July 09, 2009. The Winthrop Harbor Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit (CCU) has officially released a web site to provide helpful tips and cyber crime awareness to Village Residents.

The web site, accessible by a link from the Police Department's main page (www.whpd.org), provides visitors an overview of the unit, tips for protecting children online and advice for those who have become victims of a cyber crime. In addition, a page is dedicated to providing awareness on a variety of scams and another for links to several other web sites on similar topics.

"The goal of the CCU web site is provide a clear and concise overview of cyber crimes, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you are a victim." Said Chief Joel Brumlik.

"Technology can be both confusing and overwhelming to a lot of people. A significant way to combat cyber crime is to educate the public on what scams are being used against them, and we believe this web site will help in providing that public awareness."

The Cyber Crimes Unit will also maintain an "Alerts" page that will have up-to-date information on current scams and threats.

The Winthrop Harbor Police Department's Cyber Crimes Unit focuses on a wide array of criminal activity, including Internet and computer fraud, predators who are trying to harm Winthrop Harbor's children, cyber bullying, cyber stalking and other forms of computer, Internet, and electronic crimes. The unit works closely with federal, state and other local law enforcement, and industry members to develop, coordinate, and implement effective strategies to combat high tech crimes. The unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and also provides educational materials to community members in an effort to educate and safeguard village residents against Cyber Crimes.

For additional information, please contact the CCU at (847) 872-2131 ext. 338, or ccu@whpd.org.

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