

# Crime Watch program given access to meeting room

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The Kingston Township Crime Watch (KTCW) program received significant recognition during last month's Board of Supervisor's meeting when the board granted the program access to the township meeting room.

The KTCW will be meeting at 8 p.m. in the meeting room on the last Monday of each month. KTCW coordinator Harold Shelly will preside at the meetings. The first meeting will be held Monday, September 30 at 8 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served.

"We are really pleased with the support the township board of supervisors have given us," said Shelly. "They have essentially given us a blank check for funding the project."

According to Shelly, the KTCW program will be implementing new projects within the community to make businesses and residents feel more secure.

"We will be starting a new idea called Home Surveys," said Shelly. "With this project Kingston Township police officers will actually go into a person's home and recommend how they could better safe-guard their home from thieves. The police will instruct homeowners on special locks for their doors, lighting and just about anything else dealing with home safety."

The Home Survey project is made possible by the commitment Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol. Sabol has offered to have two of his full-time officers trained in a crime prevention course, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

"When the police officers are certified as 'crime prevention officers' they will be available to speak at various community functions about crime prevention," said Shelly.

Home Surveys, according to Shelly, have been used throughout the United States as a means of crime prevention. "Many communities have used this concept and have used it very successfully," explained Shelly.

In addition to the Home Surveys, the KTCW project will also implement a "business committee" in charge of informing area businesses about safety tips and

techniques. Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol will be chairman of the business committee.

At present, the KTCW program has 15 active members since its inception this past June. In addition to Shelly as coordinator, Janet Roberts of Shavertown has been appointed to the position of Secretary. Jim Wisniewski of Trucksville is the KTCW treasurer.

Shelly said he also wants area residents to know that the KTCW program has six electric engravers available to mark personal property. The project is called "Operation I.D." and Shelly hopes all Kingston Township residents will take advantage of the service which is free of charge.

"We would like as many people as possible to use it (Operation I.D.)," said Shelly. "Identifying your personal property with an engraver has proven to be effective in cases I have read about. It makes it a little easier to find stolen property."

Shelly said he would like more residents of Kingston Township to become involved with the KTCW program. According to Shelly, a community needs at least 30 percent of its population involved to be effective.

"We need to get a township-wide program underway," said Shelly. "We need neighborhood captains from throughout the township in order to create a positive program. We need everyone involved with their community."

Shelly said a major concern with the KTCW program is keeping it in the minds of the residents. Recognition and participation are the keys to a successful program, according to Shelly.

"If we can stimulate community interest in the KTCW program with these monthly meetings, we can not stop there," Shelly said. "In order to be effective it must be an on-going project."

Shelly said he expects either Elmer Bradshaw, who is chairman of the Luzerne County Crime Prevention program or Lieutenant Robert Cookus of the Wilkes-Barre police department, to speak at the September 30 meeting.

"For the most part, the meetings will be informal and we look to get input from various areas of the township," said Shelly. "We hope to recruit new members and help each other keep up to date on what is happening in the community."



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## Officers installed

Installation of officers was held recently at the Arthur R. Gosart American Post Post 967 of Harveys Lake. Shown here, from left, seated, are Lillian Munley, district president; Mary Sawicki, president, unit 967; Joseph Kravitz, commander, post 967; and Jack Joseph, District 12 commander. Second row, Thelma Barteld, president, Luzerne-Wyoming Bi-County; Robbin Uzdella, secretary; Patricia Uzdella, historian; John McMancus, first vice commander; Joseph Kapitula, adj.; and Nello Carozzoni, past district commander. Absent at the time of the photo were Al Barcheski, second vice commander; and Arthur R. Gosart, chaplain.

## Congress will fund program

In a letter sent to Kingston Township manager Fred Potzer by Congressman Paul Kanjorski, indications are that Congress will fully fund the 1986 Federal Revenue Sharing program before phasing out the program in fiscal 1987.

Congressman Kanjorski indicated to Potzer that the Senate Appropriations Committee recently voted to restore full funding for the revenue sharing program in fiscal 1986. A total of \$4.567 billion has been allocated for the program.

In July of this year, the House approved funding for the program at a 25 percent cut below the amount approved by the Senate. The amount would have been \$3.425 billion.

Kanjorski said he was pleased with the Senate's decision to up the allotted amount for 1986.

Kingston Township is slated to lose over \$74,000 in federal revenue sharing funds when the program is phased out in 1987. Kingston Township is expected to receive its revenue sharing funds for this year's fourth quarter in early October.

## TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME



Do you ever have to take care of yourself after school or while your parents are running an errand? Do you have to watch a brother or sister too? You know your parents and I, McGruff, The Crime Dog, want you to be safe. Taking care of yourself is a big responsibility, but you can handle it if you follow these tips:

— Make sure you know how to reach your parents where they work and what to do in case of a fire or other emergencies. Learn all the local emergency phone numbers - fire, police, hot-lines, poison control center - and make sure they're posted near all the phones in your home.

— Be sure you know how to use the telephone correctly - both push-button and dial - and how to make local, long distance and emergency calls, and how to get the operator.

— Check in with your mom or dad or a trusted neighbor as soon as you get home. Make sure you know how to work the door and window locks

and lock the door after you come in.

— When you're home alone, never open the door for anyone you don't know well or are unsure of. Check the identity of service people by calling their office before letting them in. And don't let unfamiliar callers know that you're alone.

— If you feel you're being followed on your way home from school, don't go home-go to a store, or back to school, or to the nearest "Safe House."

With your mom and dad, select a place to keep a key or keys and money for lunch or emergency phone calls.

— Never go anywhere with another adult, even one who says he or she has been sent by your parents. You and your parents might want to adopt a secret "code word" as a signal if another adult has to pick you up.

— If anything happens to you while you're alone that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult you trust. Always. Every time.

## Inmate dies

Terry L. Campbell Sr., 37, of RD 2, Harveys Lake, an inmate at the Luzerne County Prison, died September 19 at NPW Medical Center, Plains Township, shortly after admission.

It has been reported that Campbell, a diabetic, was suffering from sugar shock prior to being transported from the prison to the medical center.

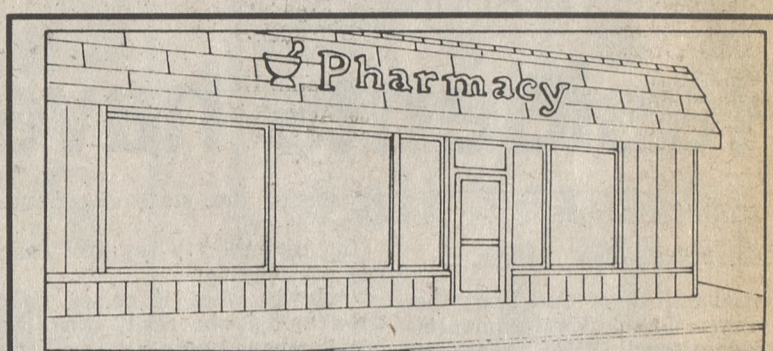
It has also been reported that Campbell, who had been convicted of theft and forgery, was in prison after a parole violation.

City detective and the county coroner's office are investigating the death.

Campbell was the son of Mrs. Eleanor Turos and the late Lester Campbell, Sr. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his son, Terry Jr., Edwardsville; brother, Lester Jr., Fernbrook; sisters, Mrs. Audrey Jolley and Mrs. Joyce Oeller, both of RD 2, Harveys Lake; Miss Linda Turos, Mountaintop.

Funeral services were held September 23 from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Johns, pastor of the Church of Christ Uniting, officiating. Interment, Woodlawn Cemetery, Dallas.

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