PENN HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
- Crime Prevention Division -

October 28, 2009

Meet the newest member of the Penn Hills Police Department – Riggs. Riggs is a two year old Dutch Shepard. Riggs is originally from Holland. Riggs K9 handler is Officer Ryan Walters. Officer Walters is a nine year veteran of the Penn Hills Police Department. Officer Walters is from Penn Hills and has family in the community.

Riggs is a duel purpose K9. Riggs is trained in narcotics detection, aggression, area and building search. Riggs was purchased through a grant from the Ben Rothlisberger Foundation and the Allegheny County District Attorneys Office.

Trick-or-Treating will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Municipality of Penn Hills. There will be Police presence and patrols from the Volunteer Fire Departments. Here are some safety guidelines:

For the Trick-or-Treater:

- **Wear costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.**
- **Use reflective tape or striping on costumes or trick-or-treat bags.**
- **Make sure masks do not limit or block eyesight.**
- **Use flashlights or glow sticks.**
- **Review Stop-Drop- Roll should costumes catch fire.**
- **Travel in small groups with an adult.**
- **Use sidewalks when available.**
- **Carry a cell phone to report any suspicious activity.**
- **Openly discuss appropriate behavior and abide by times for Trick-or-Treating.**
- **Never enter a house, stay outside.**
- **Only consume factory sealed items.**

Expecting Trick-or-Treaters:

- **Provide healthier treats, such as raisins, trail mix or pretzels.**
- **Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles.**
- **Keep candle-lit jack-o-lanterns away from doorsteps, walkways, landings and curtains. Never leave them unattended.**
- **Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters.**

Tips

Are you a safe internet user? You may be at risk if you answer 'yes' to any of the following questions:

- **Do you visit web sites by clicking on links within an e-mail?**
- **Do you reply to e-mails from companies or persons unfamiliar to you?**
- **Have you received packages to hold or ship to someone you met on the Internet?**
- **Have you been asked to cash checks or money orders received through online transactions?**
- **Have you provided personal and banking information as a result of an e-mail notification?**

Don't be an internet crime victim. For more information and to test your online practices visit:

http://www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com/index.aspx

F.Y.I.

There have been reports of a door to door scam to purchase magazines or children's books. Suspects ask victims if they would like to make a purchase. After the purchase is made a phone number has been provided by the suspect. The number is usually a

fraudulent number. (One suspect proved the telephone number for Heinz Field.) Provided receipts are in the name of "Prestige Sales USA". Prestige Sales USA has no contact information on their web site. Nationally there have been numerous complaints about Prestige Sales USA.

For more information visit:

http://www.complaintsboard.com/complaints/prestige-sales-usa-c123567.html

There continues to be incidents of counterfeit $20 and $50 being distributed. Remember to check the built in security features in bills. On the left side of the bill is a security strip that runs from the top to bottom of the bill. On the right side is watermark. These markings are not observed on counterfeit bills.

The Municipality of Penn Hills Planning Department is looking to start their own Community Development Corporation program. The purpose of the CDC is to revitalize communities. A Panel has convened to help Penn Hills. Don't miss this special event. Please attend this informative meeting:

When: Thursday - November 12, 2009 7:00 PM

Location: Penn Hills Council Chambers -12245 Frankstown Rd. Penn Hills.

Questions: amurphy@pennhills.org or (412) 798-2127

Congratulations to Penn Hills resident, Brian Caskey for running the Marine Corps Marathon this past Sunday. Brian placed 441 out of 36,000 runners! Brains' time was 3 hours – 13 minutes and 3 seconds. Thanks to all who sponsored Brian.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

PENN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

Please wear your Penn Hills Neighborhood Crime Watch T-shirt during Trick-or-Treating. Stay vigilant and remember to always call 911 first.

Stay posted for the criminal activity e-letter in a few weeks. -DJL-

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