



family members of such, are encouraged to take advantage of the free service and fill out the brief form.

2. In Safe Hands

The Community Oriented Policing Unit administers the "In Safe Hands" program. The program is designed to help us reunite special needs individuals with their families when they wander away from their residences. These special needs residents include but are not limited to Alzheimer's, Dementia, Downs syndrome and stroke victims. There are no age restrictions but the individual must be a resident of Ballwin or Manchester to participate in the free program.

3. Citizen's Police Academy

The Community Oriented Policing Unit conducts a Citizen's Police Academy annually if minimum enrolment is met. Participants will receive instruction on patrol techniques, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, crime scene processing, and police communications. The academy is designed to provide interested citizens with a better idea of how their police department operates and the police work within the criminal justice system.

4. Student and Children's Programs

- a. Buckle Bear - Buckle Bear is the Ballwin Police's mascot. He visits schools, day cares, churches, and day camps. Buckle Bear wears a set of seat belts to demonstrate to the public the importance of "Buckling up for safety".
- b. Station Tours - The Community Oriented Policing Unit conducts tours of the police facility including Police Communications (911 System), the criminal processing and holding area, the squad room, the Ballwin Municipal Courtroom, and a police patrol vehicle.
- c. P.C. The Patrol Car – P.C. is an innovative and effective tool that the Ballwin Police Department uses to teach young children about a variety of safety issues. This robotic talking car is utilized very effectively in schools, mall exhibits, churches, and local fairs to promote child safety.
- d. 911 Simulator – The 911 simulator to be used when giving tours at the police station and for classroom presentations at local schools. Using the simulator's telephone, children participate in a question and answer dialogue with a realistic emergency operator. A 3-digit display shows the numbers that are dialed and two speakers allow other students to hear the phone conversation. The simulator is equipped with 7 pre-recorded messages which the instructor controls via a hand held button box.
- e. Student Shadows and Interns – The Community Oriented Policing Unit administers the shadowing and internship programs. The Unit works closely with the school districts for the shadowing program and, and when possible, will accept college interns to work at the Police Department. This not only fulfills a requirement for the student, but also it gives them insight into their career choice of criminal justice.

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BY ORDER OF: Chief Steven Schicker 1/23/15  
Steven Schicker, Chief of Police Date

ATTESTED BY: Robert Kuntz 1/29/15  
Robert Kuntz, City Administrator Date

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