



Chief's Corner

Greetings,

The City of Country Club Hills, along with our police department, has partnered with Hyundai to make steering wheel locks available for affected Hyundai owners. We will be receiving a limited number of steering wheel locks from Hyundai Motors America which will be available at the police department starting November 1, 2022.

Please be advised that to be eligible for a lock a resident must show valid vehicle registration for their 2015-2021 Hyundai registered to Country Club Hills. There is a limit of 1 lock per vehicle.

We are working on obtaining similar steering wheel locks for owners of affected Kia vehicles.

Respectfully,
Chief John Galvin

The D.C.'s Spotlight



Myself, Ofc. Harris and Det. Sgt. Chambliss, along with Mayor James Ford, City Clerk Patricia Hutson, and City Administrator Carl Estelle welcomed students on their first day back to school at Sykuta Elementary. We want parents and students to know that it takes a village to raise our children. City Hall and the CCHPD are here assist in anyway possible.

Post by
Deputy Chief Kevin Richmond

Department News

Kia and Hyundai Vehicle Theft

In our July Newsletter we announced a crime trend involving vehicle thefts focused on Kia and Hyundai brand vehicles. Unfortunately, this trend has made its way to our City, resulting in a significant increase in vehicle thefts and also damaged vehicles from attempted vehicle thefts. We highly encourage Kia and Hyundai owners with a key ignition to secure their vehicles in a locked area or use a steering wheel or foot-pedal locking device to prevent the vehicle from being operated. Though our officers have made vehicle recoveries and related arrests daily, we are currently implementing a response strategy to curb this trend.

Crime Prevention & Safety Tips

Student Loan Forgiveness Scams

An online application for the one-time federal student loan forgiveness plan will be launched by the U.S Department of Education soon. If you're hoping for student loan debt relief, be wary of the following warning signs of student loan forgiveness scams:

- Promises of immediate student loan relief
- Want you to pay money up front
- Asks you for your SSN or other sensitive information
- Claims to be affiliated with a government agency
- Use high-pressure sales tactics
- Want you to sign a form giving them power of attorney

Please visit [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) for updates on the online application. Only use this secured website and/or direct prompts from your student loan servicer to access information about debt relief. The debt relief application will be available to all borrowers later in October 2022 through Dec. 31st.

Announcements

- Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours on Monday, Oct. 31st are from 4pm - 7pm. Those interested in participating in trick-or-treating on Halloween are asked to place the **"Trick-or-Treaters Welcome"** sign on your window or door. Those who are not interested in participating are asked to place the **"Please, No Trick-or-Treaters"** sign on your window or door. Signs can be found on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.
- 2022 Haunted Hills Autumn Festival & Haunted Trails - Saturday, Oct. 29th from 5pm - 8pm @ the City Theater Campus.

Monthly Stats / Activity

Crime	Sept.
Murder	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	6
Robbery	1
Aggravated Battery	2
Burglary (non-vehicle)	1
Theft	34
Motor Vehicle Theft	17
Arson	0

Calls for Service	1,297
Arrests	25
Parking Citations	102
Traffic Citations	69





Special Announcement



The Country Club Hills Police Department sadly announces the passing of K9 Marko, a 14 year-old German Shepherd, who had retired from the department in 2013. Marko was a loyal partner of former K9 Handler, Sgt. Prater, since 2009, and was nationally certified in patrol operations and narcotics detection. In addition to tracking suspects and searching for illegal drugs, Marko was an asset to the community by participating in demonstrations at our schools, Senior Police Academy and other City events. Our condolences go to Sgt. Prater and his family during this difficult time. K9 Marko, we thank you for your service to our community. You can now watch over your partner from above.



On October 14th, Sgt. Prater and our department’s current K9 Handler, Ofc. Frazier, attended the “Bash for the Blue and Camo 2” event hosted by the [Protecting K9 Heroes](#) organization. In honor of K9 Marko, Sgt. Prater was presented with a memorial plaque and flag display during the event’s ceremony. [Protecting K9 Heroes](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides ballistic vests, medical kits, NARCAN and any other protective gear to working K9s throughout the United States. Special thanks to the founder, Staci Goveia, who also donated \$2000 to the CCHPD’s k9 Unit and \$500 for a ballistic vest for our newest K9, Joker.

Sgt. Prater also sends his appreciation to the following for their continued support after Marko’s retirement: [Mark-9](#), [Retired Police Canine Foundation](#), [Flossmoor Animal Hospital](#), [K9 Courage & Zoetis Petcare Inc](#), [National Police Dog Foundation](#), [MedVet Chicago](#), [Forest South Animal Hospital](#) and Traci Vallone.

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Thank You