

# Community Safety Meeting

***Keeping our  
children safe!***



# Introductions

- Chagrin Falls Mayor, Tom Brick
- Chagrin Falls Police Chief, Jim Brosius
- Officer, Amber Dacek
- South Russell Mayor, Matt Brett
- Lt. David Ferrell
- Moreland Hills Mayor, Susan Renda
- Melissa Thomas, Child Safety Director



# Clarifying the Facts

- 2 Incidents in Chagrin Falls
  - Chuck Murphy, Intermediate School Principal
  - Officer Amber Dacek
- 1 Incident in South Russell
  - Lt. Ferrell



# Law Enforcement Actions

- South Russell – Lt. Ferrell
- Chagrin Falls – Chief Brosius



# School Safety Measures

- Gurney School
  - Operation Child Protect
  - Two Additional Cameras
  - Student Stranger Danger Training
- Intermediate School
  - Additional Fencing
  - Student Stranger Danger Training
  - Crossing Guards (a.m./p.m.)



# School Safety Measures

- Middle School
  - Proposed new internal entry control point
- New School Predator Guidelines
  - Staff Training (K-12)
- Summer Safety Plans
  - Establishment of “Safe Houses”
  - Crossing Guard Program & Operation
  - Child Protect
  - Recreation Center Guidelines



# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



# Rules of Safety

- Check First
- Contact Information/Clothing
- Don't Be Tricked
- Take A Friend
- Family Code Word/Separation Plan
- Know Your Neighborhood
- Neighborhood Safety
- Communication
- Chip On The Go –[chiponthego.com](http://chiponthego.com)



# CHECK FIRST

- Always have your child check with you before you they go anywhere.
- They should be told NEVER go near OR get into a car, even with someone THEY know.
- Teach your child to check with you before taking treats or gifts from anyone, even if it is someone they know.
- When your child is being approached by someone they identify as a stranger they need to turn and run as fast as they can.
- Ensure your child knows to kick , scream and yell if someone is trying to lead them away.
- Easy Phrases “NO” - “GET AWAY” - “YOUR NOT MY DAD/MOM” and “HELP”.



# Contact Information/Clothing

- Ensure your child knows their full name, address, telephone number, and parents' names.
- If possible, help them to learn one other phone number of a trusted person.
- Teach your child how to make a 9-1-1. Practice and ensure they know what a true emergency is.
- Pay attention to what your child is wearing before leaving the house. Do not have your child's name on the outside of their clothing or back pack.



# Don't Be Tricked

- Teach your children that adults should not approach children for directions or help.
- Tell your child if they are approached by an adult it may be a “trick”.
- A trick could be offering a child money to help carry something to a vehicle, offer to see a puppy/kitty, giving candy and any offer for a ride.



# Take A Friend

- Use the “buddy” system, a child should take a friend when going places or outside to play.
- Know which friend your child is playing with at all times.
- Teach your child NEVER to go into a restroom alone.
- Children should never be dropped off alone at malls, movie theatres, video arcades or parks.
- Safety in numbers



# Family Code Word/Separation Plan

- Have a “code” word for your children to use. Explain the importance that they not share this code word with anyone, not even BFF’s.
- When away from home always have a designated location in the event you and your child get separated. Tell them NEVER to leave the designated location for any reason. Wear A Watch!!
- Secure a map of the area for your child to carry (most amusement parks/zoo’s offer them at the gate).
- Place a piece of paper in your child’s pocket with cell phone numbers and the number for the location you are staying at (a business card from the front desk or a match book cover).
- Cell Phones and Walkie Talkies



# Know Your Neighborhood

- Make a list with your child for their neighborhood boundaries, choose significant landmarks.
- Know the names and phone numbers for families in your area both with/without children.
- Know your child's friends, their parents and which house they live at.
- Know where pools, streams, canals and other bodies of water are. Instruct your children to stay away from these areas with/without friends.
- Be familiar with access roads, busy streets, deserted areas, short cuts, alleys, wooded areas and favorite hideouts your child may play at, ie. (sheds, tree houses, forts).



# Neighborhood Safety

- Talk regularly with neighbors.
- Know who they are...[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)
- Tell your children whose homes they are allowed to visit and who they should go to if they need help.
- Work with other families in your area for a neighborhood watch program.
  - [www.i-neighbors.org](http://www.i-neighbors.org)
  - [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org)



# Communication

- Children should have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.
- Teach your child to say NO if someone tries to touch them or makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Reassure your child they can tell you or a trusted adult if they feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Your child should not listen to anyone telling them they will be in trouble "if they tell".
- Your child needs to know they are strong, smart and have the right to be safe.



# Chip On The Go

- [www.chiponthego.com](http://www.chiponthego.com)
- A free Child Identification and Health Management Software Program
- Downloads to all computers
- HIPPA Compliance/Secure SSL Certificate & Encryption
- Portable – Can be saved to a flash drive, easy to clip on a key ring to travel with you.



**DON'T LIVE SCARED....**

**LIVE SMART!!!!**



# Question and Answer

- Stations in the lobby area

