

# Lakefield Police Department Community Update

AUGUST 2022



# L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

## PEDDLERS

Chapter 110: Peddlers, Solicitors, & Transient Merchants

Learn more:  
[www.lakefieldmn.com](http://www.lakefieldmn.com)

**PEDDLER.** A person who goes from house to house, door to door, business to business, street to street, or any other type of place to place, for the purpose of offering for sale, displaying or exposing for sale, selling, or attempting to sell, and delivering immediately upon sale, the goods, wares, products, merchandise, or other personal property that the person is carrying or otherwise transporting

### 110.07 Licensing

No person shall conduct business as either a peddler or a transient merchant without first having obtained a license from the city. Solicitors need not be licensed, but are still required to register pursuant to ' 110.07.

Learn more:  
[www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances](http://www.lakefieldmn.com/ordinances)

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

### What is Your Role in Preventing Crime?

The Lakefield Police Department needs community members to actively assist us in crime prevention. To do this we recommend you and your neighbors take the following steps:

- Lock all exterior doors every time you leave the house.
- Every window in the house should be locked when you are not home.
- Shrubs should be kept trimmed to prevent a hiding place for someone.
- Turn on your outdoor lights to prevent dark zones.
- When on vacation put your indoor lights on timers.
- Stop mail/package deliveries when you go away from home for an extended period of time.
- Garage and shed doors should be kept locked.
- Secure bikes with a quality lock.
- Store your tools, lawn mower, and snow blower in your garage or shed.
- Keep your vehicles locked and remove all items of value from the vehicle.
- If something looks suspicious please report it.



YOU CAN PREVENT CRIME

## NOTICE

### OPERATION OF ATV, UTV, & GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEFIELD

We hope the following information will increase safety and prevent accidents.

- Valid Drivers license.
- Only operated from sunrise to sunset.
- Not to exceed 25 MPH.
- ATV & UTVS licensed as required by State of MN DNR.
- Golf Carts licensed through City Hall.
- May not be operated on state Hwy.
- May not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Not operated within 150 yards of public gatherings.
- Golf carts must have slow moving vehicle signs.



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# NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022

The following is three new laws passed during the 2022 legislative session that take effect Aug. 1, 2022.

Additional information can be found at [www.house.mn/newlaws/search/2022](http://www.house.mn/newlaws/search/2022)

- **Guardianship court procedure created for at-risk juveniles** A new procedure will be created in juvenile court for youth ages 18 to 21 to have a guardian appointed to meet their needs or to protect the youth from trafficking or abuse. The law, effective Aug. 1, 2022, provides that the court must issue an order for a juvenile guardianship when the juvenile and guardian both agree to the guardianship, it is in the juvenile's best interest, and reunification with a parent is not viable due to abandonment, abuse, or neglect. A guardianship will automatically terminate when the at-risk juvenile reaches age 21 or the juvenile requests it to end.
- **New rules on release of data from criminal background checks to cities, counties** A new law removes restrictions on how law enforcement agencies release background check results of applicants seeking employment with, or a license from, a city or county. Effective Aug. 1, 2022, law enforcement agencies will be authorized to release the full criminal history data of an applicant to a city or county, while no longer being restricted to only notify cities or counties whether a background check revealed disqualifying offenses. Law enforcement agencies, cities, and counties must also securely maintain data resulting from a background check and notify an applicant of grounds and reasons for a denial or disqualification.
- **Administrative, clarifying changes to the Safe at Home program** People who fear for their safety, such as those attempting to escape domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking, often establish new addresses to prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding them. The Safe at Home program is a statewide, address confidentiality program for these people. The program assigns participants a P.O. Box to use as their legal address and also spells out how state and local agencies must respond to data requests on people in the program without disclosing their location. A new law makes various administrative and clarifying changes to the program, administered by the Office of the Secretary of State, and to the Government Data Practices Act, which classifies as private most identity and location data about participants in the program. Some of the changes include:  clarifying the requirement that a landlord cannot display a participant's name at an address rented by the participant;  clarifying what information cannot be disclosed after a participant has notified a person about his or her participation in the Safe at Home program; and  expanding the definition of "real property records" that are prohibited from disclosure.





# EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER  
MEDICATION  
COMMUNICATION  
FOOD  
PETS  
A FAMILY PLAN  
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

## Clip & Save Phone Numbers

For all emergencies  
dial **911**

Lakefield Police Dept.  
1-507-662-5353

Jackson County  
Dispatch Services  
507-847-4420

Human Trafficking  
Hotline  
1-888-373-7888

Lakefield City Hall  
507-662-5457

Suicide & Crisis  
988

Domestic Assault  
Victims (SW Crisis Ctr.)  
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center  
24 hour SAFE Line  
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center  
Youth Text Line  
218-666-8336

MN Elder Justice Center  
651-440-9312

Violence Free  
Minnesota  
1-800-333-SAFE

Minnesota Coalition  
Against Sexual Assault  
800-964-8847

The Council for  
Prevention of Domestic  
Violence  
712-362-4612

Des Moines Valley Health  
and Human  
Services  
1-800-662-5207

Jackson Cnty. Court  
507-800-7003

Jackson Medical Cntr.  
507-847-2420

### EMERGENCY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Do 1 Thing is a twelve-month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month.

Do 1 Thing is designed to help people take small steps toward personally preparing for emergencies or disasters.

#### What residents can do:

##### Download a 12 month plan

<https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/and-download-a-12-month-plan>.

##### SUBSCRIBE TO JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS

<https://account.civicplus.com/identity/CivicPlusLogin?signin=ac78cf6f75410930bd08679f85f92e22>

#### What businesses can do:

Download a 12 month plan <https://www.do1thing.com/business/>

The City of Lakefield has a generator and does an excellent job to mitigate power outages. The following information is intended to help families and business be disaster resilient.

#### Additional Sites with more Information:

1. [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
2. <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/power-outage.html>

## DO ONE THING GOAL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS ‘GET INVOLVED.’

**THE GOAL: Make your community stronger by getting trained and getting involved.**

It takes more than police, fire and EMS to respond to a disaster. It takes people who are committed to neighborhood, churches, schools and volunteer organizations. When people are willing to work together for the good of others, communities are stronger. People who are involved are the key to a disaster resilient community. They are willing and able to look out for themselves and others. A resilient community is one that can withstand a disaster and get back to normal quickly (even if normal isn't the same as it was before).

### **Promote emergency preparedness in our community**

Scout troops, service clubs, residential associations, communities of faith—almost any organization you belong to can become a partner in emergency preparedness. Organizations that promote emergency preparedness make their community more able to withstand and recover from disaster. Here are some suggestions for involving your organization: • Include a Do 1 Thing preparedness topic in newsletters or on bulletin boards each month. • Talk to your scout troop leader about how Do 1 Thing activities can be used toward a preparedness badge. • Get a group together to make emergency kits for seniors or kids who stay home alone.

- Visit the [www.do1thing.com](http://www.do1thing.com) website to see how other organizations are promoting preparedness in their communities. The Red Cross, Ready.gov, and many other organizations also promote preparedness. Find the materials that will work best for your organization and become a partner in preparing your community

### **Connect with an isolated individual in your neighborhood or start a neighborhood organization**

Isolated individuals are more vulnerable during and after a disaster. They are less likely to ask for help or follow emergency instructions. The elderly or those with disabilities may have trouble getting out of the house, and may not have much contact with the outside world. Someone who doesn't speak English well may have trouble understanding emergency instructions. People may also be isolated just because they are new to the area, or because their work hours keep them from meeting their neighbors.





## CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM

In 2021, the Minnesota Legislature created the catalytic converter theft prevention pilot program (Minn. Stat. 325E.21 subd.2b). The Lakefield Police Department is a participating agency in this program.

If you own one of the top 15 most targeted vehicles or if your catalytic converter has been (or attempted to have been) stolen, you can get a free catalytic converter marking label from a participating law enforcement agency (Lakefield Police Department is a participating agency), business, or community organization. \* Please note police departments in the list provide but do not install labels.

### Top 15 vehicles targeted for catalytic converter theft

1. Chevrolet Express
2. Ford Econoline
3. Ford F250
4. Honda Accord
5. Honda CRV
6. Honda Element
7. Honda Odyssey
8. Hyundai Santa Fe
9. Hyundai Tucson
10. Kia Sportage
11. Mitsubishi Eclipse
12. Mitsubishi Lancer
13. Mitsubishi Outlander
14. Toyota Prius
15. Toyota Tundra



CATALYTIC CONVERTER

If you would like a catalytic converter marking kit, contact the Lakefield Police Department, 507-662-5353 or via email at [pdchief@lakefieldmn.com](mailto:pdchief@lakefieldmn.com).

## LIGHTS ON PROGRAM

Lakefield Police Department is now a partner with Lights On, A Program of Microgrants! We have received our vouchers and if a Community Member has a Headlight, Brake Light, Tail Light or Turn Signal out, stop by the Lakefield Police Department to request a voucher, or an officer may stop you for a light outage and issue you a voucher. Public Safety of our community is our top priority!

Take care, stay aware! #LPD Lights On

An advertisement for the 'Lights On' program. The top section has a dark red background with the text 'FREE CAR BULB REPLACEMENT' in white, followed by 'Burned-out light? We can help!' in a smaller font. Below this, on a light background, are the words 'HEADLIGHTS • TAIL LIGHTS • BRAKE LIGHTS • TURN SIGNALS'. The 'LIGHTS ON!' logo is prominent, featuring a stylized sunburst icon. To the right, it says 'PARTNERING WITH' above the Lakefield MN Police Dept. logo, which includes a circular emblem with a sun and a road.