

## The Flu Season Isn't Over Yet



The H1N1 and the Seasonal flu are still in full swing. The flu is mainly spread from person-to-person. With the cold weather upon us, we tend to be indoors more - and often in crowded places such as movie theaters, gyms and shopping malls. Schools and places of employment can also offer close quarters with lots of people and the potential for germs to easily (and rapidly) spread.

**Here are some tips to try and stay healthy in the winter months ahead:**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your sleeve.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Clean surfaces around your home at least once a week with alcohol-based hand rub...including phones, your computer

mouse and keyboard, light switches, faucets, door handles, remote controls, etc.

- Stock over the-counter medications, alcohol-based cleaner, tissues, and plenty of fluids while you are well to avoid the need for a trip to the pharmacy in the event you get sick.
- Most importantly, stay home if you get sick and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

## January is National Blood Donor Month

Giving blood literally saves lives. Consider donating blood if you are able to during National Blood Donor Month in January. To find a location nearby that works for your schedule, visit the Community Blood Center's website at:

[www.esavealifenow.org/index.cfm?  
group=op](http://www.esavealifenow.org/index.cfm?group=op)

Just type in your zip code to view the upcoming calendar of blood drive locations nearby. You can schedule your spot online as well, making it fit your busy schedule! To do so, you'll have to create an account first at:

[www.esavealifenow.org/index.cfm?  
group=registration](http://www.esavealifenow.org/index.cfm?group=registration)



# Crime Statistics

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## From December 16-31, 2009

### **Warrant Arrests:** 30

### **DUI Arrests:**

- 75th & I-35
- 62nd & I-35

### **Traffic Accidents:**

- 64th Terrace & Antioch
- 63rd & I-35
- 91st & W. 74th
- 62nd & I-35
- 64th & Antioch
- SM Parkway & Merriam Drive
- 60th Terrace & Slater
- 94th & Johnson Drive
- 67th Street & I-35
- 53rd & Knox
- 94th & W. 75th Street
- 70th & I-35
- Johnson Drive & I-35
- 95th I-35
- 63rd & I-35

### **Non-Injury Hit and Run Accidents:**

- 87th & SM Parkway
- SM Parkway & I-35

### **Residential Burglary:**

- 89th & W. 71st
- 74th & Brittany
- 59th & Hardy

### **Burglary/Storage:**

- 48th & Mastin
- 90th & W. 64th Terrace
- 74th & W. Frontage Road

### **Theft (Business):**

- 90th & W. 63rd Street
- 58th & Antioch
- 55th & Antioch
- 95th & W. 67th Street
- 58th & Antioch
- 61st & Merriam
- 99th & Johnson Drive
- 58th & Merriam

### **Aggravated Robbery:**

- 10000th & W. 75th Street (Business)
- 57th & Knox

### **Auto Burglary:**

- 90th & SM Parkway
- 74th & W. Frontage Road
- 58th & Antioch

### **Auto Theft:**

- Auto stolen Dec. 11; recovered Dec. 16 in Kansas City, MO
- Auto stolen Dec. 28th; recovered in Kansas City, KS later that day
- Stolen auto 99th & W. 67th
- Attempted theft - 73rd & Brittany

### **Residential Fire:**

- 64th & Craig

### **Criminal Trespass:**

- 87th & W. 69th Street

### **Deprivation of Property**

- 74th & Nieman

### **Child in Need of Care: 1**

### **Unattended Deaths: 4**

### **Medical/Public Assistance:**

- 48th & Perry
- 74th & Frontage Road
- Johnson Drive & Campbell
- Plus many calls for roadside assistance during the snowy weather

### **Criminal Use of A Weapon**

- 87th & W. 65th Street

### **Criminal Use/ Financial Info:**

- 2 misuses of debit cards

### **Possession of Controlled Substance:**

- 58th & Antioch
- 87th & W. 65th Street

### **Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 1**

## Interested in the Criminal Justice Field?



Careers in the criminal justice field are varied, and include work in a police department, forensics, psychology, courts, law, journalism...or as a parole officers, in prisons/jails, teaching and more.

We are fortunate in Johnson County to have a 64-credit Associate of Arts program in Administration of Justice at Johnson County Community College. Courses offered include criminal investigation, family violence/sexual abuse, forensics, introduction to terrorism, substance use and abuse, constitutional case law, criminal behavior and many more. Merriam's own Mayor (and our Ex Chief of Police) Ken Sissom and Lt. Michael Daniels of the Merriam Police Department are two of the instructors in this program!

Spring classes are already filling up, so check their website today at [www.iccc.edu](http://www.iccc.edu) or contact Program Chair, Kay King at 913-469-8500 ext. 4704, or email her at [kking05@jccc.edu](mailto:kking05@jccc.edu).



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## Women's Self-Defense Seminar

### "Avoiding & Surviving a Violent Encounter"

Sponsored by the Merriam, Kansas Police Department

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This interactive seminar will consist of a one-hour discussion on ways women can avoid and survive violent encounters, such as being confronted in a parking lot, on a walking trail, etc. A 30 minute light, hands-on instruction/demonstration will follow. The focus will be on basic principles that can be applied during a violent encounter. Attendees should dress in comfortable clothing with little jewelry if they plan on participating in the physical portion of the seminar. Learning self-defense is a powerful tool for all women! Invite your family and friends to this event!

Due to the content of this seminar, the minimum age for attendance is 12 years old.

**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2010

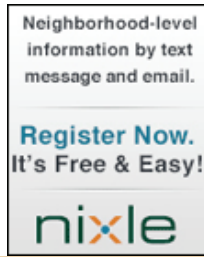
**Time:** 1 - 3pm

**Place:** Merriam Community Center Gym (5701 Kessler)

**Cost:** None

**RSVP:** By February 20, 2010 to [rondab@merriam.org](mailto:rondab@merriam.org) or call 913-322-5560 Monday-Friday, from 8:30am - 4:30pm

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The Merriam Police Department is trying to contact you...not because you're in trouble, but because there are times when something important is going on in the Merriam community that you need to know about as soon as possible.

It's free and it's easy to sign up for "Nixle", the service that lets you get these important news via text messages & emails. Sign up now at:  
**<http://local.nixle.com/register/>**

Whether you work, live, go to school, hang out with friends, shop, dine, or have family and friends in Merriam...Nixle is for you. **Don't receive today's pressing news tomorrow!**

## Why a Crime Bulletin?

### The Merriam Police Department operates under the "Community Policing Philosophy"...

This means we are committed to providing the highest quality of police services by partnering with you - the citizens of our community. Together, we work as a team to maintain a high quality of living in Merriam, keeping it a safe place to be. This crime bulletin lets us share information with you, helping us reach these goals. We hope you forward this to others who will find it interesting and useful!

The Police Department asks you to report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1. Go to:  
<http://www.merriam.org/MPD/Patrol/report-a-crime.htm> for ways to report non-emergency crimes.

**Crime Tip: If you see suspicious activity...such as someone driving by slowly or parked in a vehicle in an odd location, or footprints in the snow around your home when you haven't been walking around, please call 911 immediately. The police are glad to come and check things out.**



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Station Hours:  
 Mon. - 8AM to 6PM  
 Tues. thru Fri. - 7AM to 9PM  
 Sat. - 10AM to 6PM  
 Sun. - CLOSED

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