



# S.C.R.A.M. GAZETTE

## Join the Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program held once a year and is designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Niles Police Department. The program consists of a series of classes and discussions once a week, on a designated evening from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Enrolment is limited. The class will provide an in depth view of the various aspects of law enforcement. This is a very educational and informative program that allows the citizens an opportunity to learn more about the issues that affect law enforcement in the Village of Niles. Classes start every fall.

### Who can Attend and Why?

When residents take a personal interest in their community and the protection of their neighborhoods, they will enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in overall reduction of crime in any community. The Niles Police Department has instituted the Citizens Police Academy in order to improve our community. It is our hope that all the graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to those crime issues in our village. The Citizens Police Academy is open to all Niles residents, business owners or those who are employed within the geographical borders of the

Village of Niles. That are 21 years of age or older. Class size is limited. There is NO COST to anyone who enrolls in the academy.

Curriculum covered includes

- Department Overview & Tour
- Patrol Procedures & Traffic Stops
- Traffic & DUI Enforcement
- Firearms & Range Master
- Crime Scene Processing
- Volunteers In Policing
- School Resource Program
- Criminal Investigations
- Crime Free Housing and
- Patrol Ride-A-Long Program

Simply submit the application or go online to <http://goo.gl/d7ZCEJ>



## MCENERNEY TO BE NAMED CHIEF OF POLICE

Interim Chief of Police Dennis McEnerney is to be named Chief of Police by Mayor Andrew Przybylo. McEnerney, who served as Interim Chief since November 14, 2014, replaces retired Chief of Police Dean Strzelecki.

"After discussions with the Village Manager," said Mayor Przybylo, "I have retired the Chief of Police Recruitment Task Force that I created and made a decision to name a leader with a proven record of performance over his 37-year career and especially over the past seven months as Interim Chief."

Dennis McEnerney, who joined the Department in 1978, has worked his way up through the ranks and served in numerous assignments including Patrol, Investigations, and Internal Affairs. McEnerney served as the Deputy Chief for the Department's Investigations Division and served as NORTAF Major Crimes Task Force Commander; a position he was chosen for by thirteen local Police Chiefs in 2002.



Village Manager Steven Vinezeano strongly supports the Mayor's decision to promote from within. "Dennis McEnerney will serve the Police Department and community with a proven loyalty and high level of professionalism," said Vinezeano. "McEnerney will have a seamless transition to the position of Chief of Police and is highly respected by the Village leadership team."

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## FTC—Text Message Alert

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a new SCAM ALERT by Kristin Cohen—Office of Technology Research and Investigation, FTC.

Let me set the scene: your friend John is rushing to get his daughter from school and his son to the soccer field, and he still needs to stop at the grocery store because there's nothing in the fridge. In the midst of this everyday madness, he gets a text message from Google with a verification code. He thinks, "That's weird. Maybe I should log in to my email and see what's going on."

Before he has a chance, he gets another message. It says:

Google has detected unusual activity on your account. Please reply with the verification code sent to your mobile device to stop unauthorized activity.

What should John do?

It's quite possible that he might reply with the code — especially while he's distracted, and worried that he might lose access to his email.

# SCAM Alert!



Unfortunately, if he sends the code, he'll be giving a hacker access to his email account.

Here's what happened behind the scenes:

A hacker who has John's email address and mobile number went to the email login screen, clicked "Forgot Password," and asked for a verification code via text message.

John got the verification code on his phone.

The hacker — pretending to be John's email provider — sent him a text message and asked for the code.

John forwarded the code to the hacker, and the hacker had everything he needed to complete the login process.

The hacker could gather a lot of information about John while snooping through his email. He also could change John's settings, so future emails sent to John are forwarded to the hacker. It could be a long time before John notices this change.

So, what can you do?

Don't send verification codes to anyone via text or email. Use these codes only on the login page. And if you get a verification code that you didn't request, let your provider know about it. That could be a sign that someone is tampering with your account.

Unfortunately this Scam can impact any account in which their two tier authentication. To protect yourself do not any codes to anyone regarding one of your accounts unless you initiated the password recovery process or are accessing a two tier authenticated account.

## FTC Scam Alert—Fortuneteller or financial advisor

You might like your financial advisor to predict the future in ways that could help you get rich. But legitimate advisors won't promise to know what comes next — and you shouldn't invest with anyone who guarantees you riches. It's kind of a rule of thumb about investing: there are no guarantees, and anyone who promises you big money is likely running a scam.

Enter the fortuneteller — you know, someone who might read palms, tea leaves, tarot cards, and who generally predicts the future. Now, fortunetellers can be good entertainers, and have been for centuries. Many people seek them out — whether for fun or in all seriousness. And it's a profession with a code of conduct and ethics — including not taking financial advantage of clients, and not charging more than agreed.



(A quick internet search for fortuneteller ethics will get you the full list.)

When the smoke clears, here's what you need to listen for: is your fortuneteller telling you how to spend or invest your money? Does he see great wealth if you invest in a particular business? Does she see someone approaching you tomorrow with

the opportunity of a lifetime — if only you'll invest? Does she even promise you more details about your future if you'll pay an extra \$50 (\$100, \$200) *right now*?

Fortunetellers are not financial advisors. Period. Actual financial advisors are trained and licensed. If you want to find a real financial advisor, here are some ideas on [how to start](#). If you've found someone, you can look [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#) to see if that person is licensed.

But if a fortuneteller starts pressing you for more money, or giving you investment advice, walk away. And help protect the people you care about by telling your local police and the [FTC](#).