

**CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**MAJOR ACTIVITY**

<b>OFFENSES – MAY 2009</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Burglary of a Residence	0
Burglary of a Business or Building	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft / Other	3
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0
Juvenile Offenses	1
Assault	0
Aggravated Robbery	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>1222</b>

**“The Dog Days of Summer”**

Over the recent weeks, your police department has received an increased number of complaints from citizens regarding violations of the city’s Animal Control ordinance. Specifically, a number of you have complained of dogs running loose through your yards. Some of these reports indicate that the dogs are with their owners but are not on a leash, and those owners may not be keeping their dogs within their control.

In part, the ordinance says, “It shall be unlawful for any dog, cat, or other animal possessed, kept, or harbored to run at large.” An animal is considered to be “running at large” when the animal is allowed to exit or leave the owner’s property and is not restrained, is allowed to roam upon the streets, or is “not restrained”.

The ordinance defines “restraint” as follows:

An animal shall be deemed restrained when it is:

- a) confined on the premises of the owner within a building, walled, or fenced enclosure;
- b) fastened or picketed by a lead or chain, not more than twenty feet (20’) in length, so as to keep the animal on the owner’s premises;
- c) under the control of a person by a leash;
- d) on or within a vehicle being driven or parked
- e) at heel beside a competent person and obedient to that person’s command. Minors shall not be considered competent persons for this purpose.

I would ask that those of you who are pet owners (as am I) please familiarize yourself with these regulations and make every neighborly effort to abide by the terms of your ordinance.

For more information on Spring Valley Village's Animal Control Ordinance, you may go to the following Internet address and then click on "Chapter 2 Animal Control".

<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=13553&sid=43>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gary Finkelman

Chief of Police