

Junior Police Fact Sheet

Sponsored by Edina Police Department, Edina Morningside Rotary Club and Edina Crime Prevention Fund

PURPOSE

Junior Police teaches second and third grade students in schools throughout Edina about the role of public servants in their community. The Junior Police program emphasizes safety at home, at school and out in the community.

OUR AUDIENCE

Second and third grade students - 7 and 8 year old children – in schools throughout Edina. Speak in short, direct sentences. For example: "There are two Rotary Clubs in Edina." "There are more than 200 people in Edina Rotary." "Rotary helps people all over the world."

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The program consists of two visits from Edina Police Officers; each visit is 30 minutes in length. During the first visit, officers teach students about safety and about their jobs as public servants. Students are asked to complete the activities in the Junior Police book and have it ready to show on the next visit, usually about one week later. Rotarians accompany officers on the second classroom visit to look at the coloring books and answer any questions. Officers congratulate students on their work in the book, fingerprint them (unofficially), and award them a Junior Police pin. The program is more than 25 years old and was started by former Minneapolis Police Officer John Laux.

ROTARIANS' ROLE

Rotarians accompany officers during their second visit to the classrooms. During this visit, Rotarians and Crime Prevention Fund members introduce the kids to volunteerism in Edina. Volunteers help with the fingerprinting process and pin the Junior Police pin onto their shirts. Edina Morningside Rotary Club and Edina Crime Prevention Fund pay for the coloring book, fingerprint card, and badges.

POINTS TO MENTION ABOUT ROTARY AND OUR CLUB

Members of Rotary clubs and Edina Crime Prevention Fund include business and civic leaders who are interested in building a strong community and helping people.

There are two Rotary Clubs in Edina.

Edina Crime Prevention Fund raises money for rewards to help locate people responsible for crimes in Edina.

SOME OF OUR PROJECTS

- Edina Fall Into the Arts art fair
- Police Canines Kodiak and Diesel
- Police Bike Patrol
- College scholarships
- Clean Highway 100 two times each year
- Support soldiers in Iraq
- Collect bicycles to give to kids who can't afford them