# **EDISON**



## "Community is not just about ME it's about US"

DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2012

GUESTS: Dave Coulson, U.S. Dept of Justice, A.T.F.

TIME: 6:30PM

Hammond Police Explorers Post #288

PLACE: Edison School

Sgt John Muta, Hammond Police Dept

7025 Madison

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

SPRING FORWARD: Remember to turn your clock ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11, 2012

#### DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

Door to door solicitors are now required to obtain a license from the City of Hammond. The solicitor must wear an identification tag showing a photo of the license as well as the name and phone number of the company they represent. Solicitation can be conducted **ONLY Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5pm.** 

CALL THE POLICE if the solicitor seems suspicious or does not have proper ID

### THINGS CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES

• Where they can and cannot go in the neighborhood. Make sure your children know whose home they are allowed to visit without you.

Children of all ages should know their name, address, telephone number, how to use a telephone and how to dial "911" in case of an emergency. If you have a cell phone, make sure your child has that number too. Teach your children to call a designated "back-up" family member or trusted friend if they are unable to reach you.

• The same safety rules apply as children get older, including the use of a "buddy system" and letting you know where they are at all times.

ALWAYS keep the door locked when home alone and NOT to open the door for anyone. Make sure your
child knows not to tell anyone who calls or comes to the door that they are home alone.

Make sure your child knows adults DO NOT need to ask children for directions or for help finding a puppy
or kitten. Teach your child that it is okay to be suspicious of an adult who seems too friendly.

• Just because someone knows their name doesn't mean your child should trust that person. It's okay for your child to trust their instincts. If someone approaches them or tries to take them away, they should yell "this is not my mother/father!"

#### Janet Venecz

Edison Community Watch