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## PLEASE ROUTE TO CHIEF OF SECURITY



# KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We would like to introduce Lois E. Shepard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction at Kentwood Public Schools (KPS). Lois is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She was a classroom teacher for ten years, and a middle school principal prior to becoming assistant superintendent in 1994.

One of Lois' primary areas of responsibility is to ensure that students are educated in a safe, secure environment. In 2000-2001 KPS educated over 8,600 students. In addition to their ten elementary schools, three middle schools, ninth grade building and the 10-12 building, they have facilities that offer alternative education, adult education, pre-school and daycare. The safety and security of students and staff is a prominent concern.

The importance of student safety has received considerable attention on a national level in recent years. Because of KPS commitment to students and staff, Lois directed an effort to evaluate existing and future safety and security needs for the school district.

It was apparent that improvement in equipment, services, and personnel were needed. Federal Grant money was available through the "Safe Schools/Healthy Students" program. Lois headed the effort for KPS' application for monetary assistance with their security program.

A year ago, KPS was awarded a Federal Grant for improvement of safety/security systems district wide. **EPS** has now installed security and card access systems at all district sites. Fire alarm systems are monitored by our UL Listed, FM approved Central Station. Several Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems are in operation at the high school and freshman campus, giving a more accurate account of people and activity on campus. **EPS** plans to work with KPS on an ongoing basis, continually accessing the needs of their growing school system.

At **EPS** we believe that all students can reach their potential if given a safe, secure place to learn; and we are proud to be part of KPS' commitment to safety and security.

### COMMERCIAL

- CLOSED CIRCUIT TV
- CARD ACCESS SYSTEMS
- HEAT & SMOKE DETECTION
- FIRE SYSTEMS MONITORING
- INTRUSION DETECTION
- HOLDUP ALARMS
- SAFE & VAULT MONITORING
- POWER MONITORING
- INDUSTRIAL PROCESS MONITORING
- FURNACE & BOILER MONITORING
- GUARD TOUR MONITORING
- FIRE TESTING
- PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
- MANDATED INSPECTIONS

### RESIDENTIAL

- HEAT & SMOKE DETECTION
- INTRUSION DETECTION
- FURNACE, SUMP PUMP, AND FREEZER  
FAILURE MONITORING
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT
- PANIC & CO<sub>2</sub> ALARMS



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### BASIC STREET SMARTS

- ◆ Wherever you are, stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- ◆ Avoid walking or jogging alone, especially at night. Stay in well-traveled and well-lighted areas.
- ◆ Be careful if anyone in a car asks you for directions. If you answer, keep your distance from the car.
- ◆ Have your key ready before you reach the door of your home, car, or office.
- ◆ As soon as you get into your car, lock all doors.
- ◆ If you think you are being followed, change direction and head for open stores, restaurants, theaters, or a lighted house.
- ◆ Send the message that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- ◆ Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- ◆ Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

### EPS OFFERS RESIDENTIAL AUTO PAY

EPS is committed to providing superior service to our customers. One method of providing this level of service is to make your monitoring payment as easy and hassle free as possible. This can be accomplished by setting you up for automatic payment. Automatic payment is a better alternative to check writing. It lets you automatically deduct payments from your checking account each month. Transactions will appear each month on your bank statement so you can easily keep track of each payment. What you won't have to keep up with is monthly check writing, envelopes, postage and remembering to mail your payment. Save time, save money and enjoy the convenience of automatic payment. Please give **Karen Rowlander** a call at **(616) 459-0281** for more information and an enrollment form.

### DSL MAY CAUSE A PROBLEM

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) is coming to Grand Rapids. It can offer high speed internet access and phone service over the same line. Just be sure that if you install DSL that you test your alarm system into our Central Station immediately. There have been some reports across the country where the alarm system was not reconnected properly after the installation of the DSL line.

### ROBBERY PREVENTION

If your business conducts cash transactions you can reduce the chance of becoming a victim of a robbery, as well as the amount of money you might lose, by planning ahead. Following are some tips to lessen your susceptibility to robbery:

- ◆ Keep only small amounts of cash on hand.
- ◆ Have a drop safe or time delay safe.
- ◆ Count cash only in a private area.
- ◆ Make frequent bank deposits
- ◆ Vary your deposit time and route.

