

Public Safety Tips & Information

Reporting Suspicious Activities or Crime

- If you witness a crime or suspicious activities, call 911 immediately and report what you observed
- Do not confront the subject or subjects; be a good witness
- Provide police with a physical description of the subject; scars, facial hair, and tattoos help identify subjects
- Provide police with a detailed clothing description of what the subject was wearing, such as, red shirt, blue baseball cap, white tennis shoes, etc.
- Provide police with how many subjects were involved, their gender and race
- Inform police of any vehicles that were involved and their description
- Vehicle descriptions are very important; license plate number, make of vehicle, color, condition of

Home Security Information

- Always lock your doors and windows. Many thefts occur when doors and windows are left unlocked
- Install and use deadbolt locks
- Outside doors to residences, including the one between your house and garage, need to be solid and fit tightly in their frame. Hinges should be inside the door
- Secure sliding glass doors with locks and place a dowel in the track of the door to prevent it from sliding open when you are not home
- Leave lights on when you are away, and rotate which lights you leave on in your home. Use light timers if away for any extended amount of time
- Close blinds and shades at night
- Alarms are good, but dogs are better for preventing burglaries
- Keep outside areas well lit

Personal Safety Tips

- Beware of scams
- If something sounds too good to be true, it most likely is
- Never provide bank account or credit card numbers over the telephone
- Beware of contractors that randomly contact you for repairs they believe you may need
- Never pay for a job in full until the work is completed
- Check references and past work done by any individual or company you whom you may contract with for any job
- Always verify the organization before donating money and identify the caller
- Never provide keys to contractors with free access to your property when your not home. While work is being done, avoid leaving checks, credit cards, or cash lying around the house

