

Crime Prevention Tips From your P.A.C.E. Officers

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Let's start out the 2008 right by knowing how to protect your valuables at home and in your vehicle. And know what to do if your property is stolen.

Bicycles

Did you know that in Norfolk you must register your bicycle(s)?

Sec. 8-21. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person over the age of eighteen (18) years, who resides in the city, to operate or use a bicycle upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane or public highway of the city, or for any parent or guardian to allow any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, who resides in the city, to operate or use a bicycle upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane or public highway of the city, unless such bicycle has been properly registered in accord with the provisions of this article. (Code 1958, § 8-2)

If you call your P.A.C.E Officer he or she will come out to your location and for no charge fill out a bicycle registration form and issue the bicycle(s) a city decal that the officer will then attached to your bicycle(s). The decal will only be valid to the person who was issued the registration and the bicycle(s) the decal was issued to. New owner(s) will have to register the bicycle(s).

Because you have registered your bicycle(s) with the city, this will help police officers in locating you should the bicycle be recovered. In protecting your bicycle, make sure you also use a good lock if you leave the bicycle unattended, even if you keep the bike in a shed or garage. Never think your bicycle(s) is safe if you leave it in your yard at home.

Norfolk Police Department Crime Prevention Section
664-6901

Did you know that you can request a Security Home Survey from our Crime Prevention Officers? An officer will come out and inspect your lighting, your locks on your door, your doors and windows, they will make note of the location of your trees and shrubs.

Bad guys like to use your shrubs and trees to hide behind to avoid detection. The Crime Prevention officer will give you recommendations as to what improvements are needed. Plus if you are interested in Block Security or any other neighborhood programs you can call 664-6901.

Home Security

While at home with nothing to do, take a look at your valuables that you enjoy. You worked hard to get many of them.

Look at some of the items home owners reported taken in a burglary to their home.

- T.V. HD /Plasma
- DVD player
- Home theater system
- Play station /Xbox 360
- Desk top or lap top computer, printers
- Digital camera(s) and equipment
- Power tools
- Weapons
- Purse/pocketbooks/wallets

Your Crime Prevention home work assignment will be to write down the serial numbers to each of these items you have at home and to any other valuables

that has a serial number. Also on the same paper you will write down the make and model and the value. Should you have a burglary to your home you're have this information to provide the police officer making the report. If your valuables are recovered you will be notified. Another good idea is to use an engraver and mark your valuables. Should you need assistance please contact your P.A.C.E. officers or any Crime Prevention officer.

Larceny from vehicles

PLEASE! Do not leave valuables in your unattended vehicle.

The two problem we have today are valuables being left in vehicles and car doors unlocked with valuables inside, and the bad guys know this. And we hear

"Where are the police when you need them", But this community problem takes more than the police, it needs the police and citizens to work in a partnership to reduce the larcenies from vehicles and other crimes in your community.

Several suspects have been arrested who were breaking into cars thanks to citizens who

just happen to look out their window at the right time and observed the suspicious situation and called 911 and based on the detail information given to the police arrest was made.

Be aware of what's goes on in your neighborhood, report anything that appears suspicious.

If you're not sure call the non-emergency number 441-5610, you do not have to give your name, but at least give the dispatcher a phone number so the dispatcher could call you back in case the officer needs more information.

Some of the hot items being taken from vehicles are

- *GPS systems and Satellite radios
- *Money / loose change
- *Cell phones

*Lap top computers

*Digital cameras

*Pocketbooks/purse and wallets

On some GPS will allow you to insert a code that would locked the GPS and prevent unauthorized persons from using it. And please make sure you **have serial number(s)**

in a safe place at home.

Do not leave your GPS or Satellite radio in your vehicle when the vehicle will be left unattended. For those vehicle owners who have their GPS or Satellite radio attached to the windshield, you're just letting the bad guys know you have something they want.

1.Keep valuables out of an unattended vehicles

2.Always lock your doors

3.Make a police report

Norfolk Cares Assistance Center

664-6510

Have you ever wonder who to call when you see.....

1.damage or missing street sign

2. Pot holes

3. A home or business without the address (numbers) displayed

4. Junk or abandon vehicles on the street or in someone's yard

5. High grass or weeds

6. A yard with bulk waste, and trash

7. Possible boarding house

8. Someone using his yard as a car repair shop

9. Boats, RV, Campers, Commercial vehicles parked in residential yards

10. Health and Sanitation issues

If you're not sure call Norfolk Cares **664-6510**

Please pass these Crime Prevention tips to friends, family, and to anyone who do not attend your civic league and partnership meetings.

For more information, contact your P.A.C.E. officer.

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