



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Protecting your neighborhood is a top priority with us. You are an important part of Winter Park and deserve the best in security and protection. The Police Department is very grateful for your help and involvement in protecting each other. As a way of honoring you, the Police Department is inviting you to join us for something special. National Night Out is just around the corner. NNO is designed to heighten crime prevention and drug awareness efforts and also strengthen neighborhood spirit and the neighborhood's partnership with the police department. This event also sends a message to criminals that as neighbors we are fighting back and want to make our community an even safer place. Everyone who lives in a Neighborhood Watch area in Winter Park is asked to lock their doors and spend an

evening with neighbors and the police at the Police Department. The usual night set for NNO is always a Tuesday evening. This year is no exception. The official date is **Tuesday August 7th, 2007**. But this year we are doing something different. The police department is hosting an Open House for neighbors. Doors will open at **6:30pm**.

We'll have a short presentation at 7:30 with Chief Ball and special guests. This gives everyone involved a chance to come by the station and experience how the many divisions and units within the department work toward protecting you and your family. Just how does a detective investigate a burglary? What happens when I call 9-1-1? Take your time at your own pace and enjoy not only the great summer weather but the company of your neighbors.

We want to say Thank

You for being the extraordinary people who make up Neighborhood Watch. We'll be serving light hors d'oeuvres and beverages too. We would love to see you and enjoy getting to know more of you.

The main message we want to spread is neighbors looking out after neighbors and being the eyes and ears of the police. Sir Robert Peel, considered to be the father of modern policing, once said "We are the community and the community are the police." We can't do it without you and appreciate your involvement.

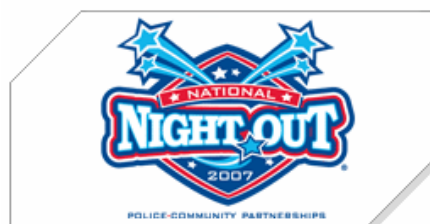
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Special Points

Of Interest

Awareness is your best protection against crime. Preparation is your next best protection. By using both of these you reduce your vulnerability and increase your safety. Be aware of your surroundings and the people near you. Use security like locking the doors to your home & car. Alarms help too.



WHEN THE VICTIM IS THE SUSPECT



Confidence games or “cons” for short, are about as old as society itself. Each generation of criminals keep putting a new twist on an old crime in an attempt to beat the law and steal your money. Technology being what it is today many criminals are turning to computers to do their work for them. They also get you to help them too. In this article are several “cons” that are very common and devastate a family’s financial security and even their reputation.

The Wire transfer scheme, or phony check scheme, is a wide spread hoax that is growing in popularity. Victims receive authentic-looking checks or money orders and are instructed to deposit them in their personal bank accounts and then quickly wire the money overseas. The checks, in fact, are fakes. The ruse that is used usually involves some sort of message or letter involving someone in dire circumstances, often citing fellow Americans in peril. With the events around the world unfolding

as they are many people are quick to help each other. This is nothing more than a form of the Nigerian scam that makes the rounds of the internet. This version is further complicated with new high-tech printers that can produce realistically looking, counterfeit checks. Many banks have been holding those people that pass the fake checks responsible for the loss of funds to their bank and the offenders are often arrested for fraud. It is hard to track down the actual creators of these types of scams as many, if not all, of them are out of the country.

Another scam involves the lovelorn. This scam starts out with a meeting of two people on the internet and becoming long-distance lovers, some of them even getting engaged online. Nine times out of ten these people never actually meet in person. Women, and a few men, have been duped by their new found internet love into giving up their financial account numbers or credit card numbers in a “show of trust and true love.” Once that is done the suspect drains the accounts of their lovesick pigeon and disappears from the internet. If you , or someone you know, are the victim of a con game call the police department immediately at 407-644-1313.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

I hope this edition of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter is informative and useful to all of you as we continue to battle the war against crime in our community. As we know Winter Park is not just a quaint urban village surrounded by Central Florida. We are very much a part of the metro Orlando area. And as a part of this larger community crime has a definite impact on us. From the beginning of this calendar year

there has been a increase in crimes overall in Central Florida, including Winter Park. Many crimes are fueled by or have a direct link to drug use. For example as a result of several violent criminal acts a special tactical unit was formed by members of the Police Department to suppress the spike in crime committed primarily at night. In the first nine nights of operation the task force made 28 arrests, recovered a stolen car, seized several guns, weapons as well as cocaine and cannabis. Security assessments of certain areas were also completed and code violations were referred to the city Code Enforcement division. As a result of this initiative the spike in

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violent crime has decreased somewhat but our challenge remains to eradicate the criminal element even further from Winter Park. To do this we need your help and involvement. Recently there has been an upsurge in vehicle burglaries throughout the city with no particular area being hit harder than another. The overwhelming majority of these burglaries are to vehicles that are unlocked. Criminals prefer to do business the easy way. It is much easier and less conspicuous to enter an unlocked vehicle, even in your own driveway, than to break a window. Many people have seen suspicious people around a neighbors car but do not call the police. Some people have seen someone enter a neighbors car, knowing the person is not the owner, but do not call the police.

Everyone has a stake in our community to make it as safe as possible. We must pull together to make any kind of positive difference. The police cannot do it all alone. Here are few suggestions to keep you from becoming a victim: Take an extra five seconds to take items from your car and then lock your car after you park it in your driveway. The most popular items stolen from vehicles are laptop computers, guns and cell phones. Take all of these out of your car or at the very least hide them from plain sight. Putting your garage door opener in the glove box will help deter criminals too. Lock all of the doors and windows of your house, even when you are home. It's hard to think of everyone as a criminal but the moment you think everyone is trusting is when you become the victim of a crime. Trust your instincts and call the police if anything makes you think twice or wonder if something or someone seems out of place. That helps us help you.

CODE RED UPDATE

The Police Department wants to talk to you. You probably remember that the Police Department has an emergency notification system, known as Code Red that can be used to alert you to impending natural disasters, missing children or other concerns like crime trends in neighborhoods. While we will not use this system excessively, the Police Department would like you to listen to the information and take whatever action may be necessary, such as securing your vehicles in certain neighborhoods or helping us locate a missing child. This system will be used for public safety issues only. If your phone is unlisted you can go the Code Red website and enter the number. It will not sold or used for any purpose except notifying you. Just go to our website (www.wppd.org) and click the "Community Information" button. Follow the link to Code Red and input your number.

Crime Tips: Lock up your vehicles, even in your driveway. Either take your valuables inside your house or put them in the trunk. Approximately 85% of auto burglaries in Winter Park are due to unlocked doors. Please lock up. Call the police about anyone who looks out of place.



I got busted 'cause some nosey neighbor noticed I didn't live in the neighborhood and called the cops

CRIMELINE
800.423.TIPS

Know something we don't? Want to make some extra money for free? You can...Honest.

If you know someone who has committed a crime, call Crimeline. If someone you know has a warrant, call Crimeline. You can get money without telling us your name. The amount of money varies depending on the crime and relevance of your information but the average is \$1,000. This is for crimes that have already occurred, not in-progress calls.

Here is how it works: If you know someone has committed a crime, has a warrant or a stolen gun you can call Crimeline. They will give you a number in place of asking you your name and tell you they will contact the police with your information. Crimeline does not record calls or use caller ID. You will be asked to call back in few days to check on the status of your information.

Once the information is passed on the police and an arrest is made or a warrant filed for the person's arrest it is reported to Crimeline by the police department. When you call back in a few days you will be told the outcome of your information and then told to go to a particular bank and tell them your number. You will then be given a sum of money in cash. No taxes, no personal information, no hassle. Best of all, you get money for making a phone call and a criminal is arrested. Everyone is happy....except the criminal.

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"We're always there when you need us"

Recently the Police Department has received several calls regarding people posing as roof inspectors for the City of Winter Park. They are telling residents they need to inspect roofs before the hurricane season. This is a scam. No companies have been authorized by the City of Winter Park to inspect roofs. There are city employees who are inspectors, that will only come out if requested by a resident. If anyone approaches you claiming affiliation with the City of Winter Park regarding a roof inspection please get a description and call 9-1-1.

Community Policing Services & Programs

C.A.T. Program: Enroll your vehicle in this free anti-theft program. This program allows police to stop a vehicle with a C.A.T. sticker on it if the vehicle is being driven between 1:00 am and 5:00 am, the time when most car thefts happen.

Business Watch: Business owners are offered anti-theft ideas, information regarding fraud, workplace violence & robbery issues, and become aware of current criminal trends.

House Check Program: If you are out of town more than a few days the Police Department will stop by your home (work load permitting) and check the exterior of it to ensure it is secure. If any problems are found, your emergency contact will be notified. This service is free. Contact the Police Communications Center at (407) 644-1313.

Ride-Along Program: Ride with an officer on a tour of duty. Riders must be at least 18 yrs. old and of good moral character. Contact Officer McDaniel @ (407) 599-3455. Riding is at the discretion of the Police Department.

Security Surveys: Officers of the Community Policing Unit will be glad to meet you at your home to offer advice for crime-proofing your home. Just call Officer McDaniel at 407-599-3455 to set it up.

We're on the web!

www.wppd.org

Find out what crime is doing in your area. Log onto the web for residential crime statistics

MEET YOUR OFFICERS

Please help us welcome Officer Matthew Walker who was sworn-in to the Winter Park Police Department in April of 2006. Matt is originally from Winter Park and has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Central Florida. He has no previous law enforcement experience, but wanted to join the ranks of the Winter Park because of its reputation within the law enforcement community and the recommendations of other officers in other agencies. Officer Walker is inter-

ested in the Traffic Division, School Resource/Community Services and Investigations. Matt enjoys outdoor sports, especially hunting, fishing, camping, archery and shooting firearms in his spare time. He also spends a lot of time with his girlfriend, family and friends.

Another officer we'd like you to meet is Ruben DelToro. Ruben began his career in Winter Park in February of 2007. Ruben was an officer in Puerto Rico for 10 years before coming to Winter Park. He wanted to live here based

on our reputation as a safe city and great police department. Ruben has finally brought all of his family to Florida and is excited to be working in Winter Park.



Walker



DelToro