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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RECAP



National Night Out was great success! Hopefully you were able to attend and found it enjoyable. Without you the Police Department would be hampered in its quest to reduce and remove crime in our city. The

crime prevention displays and interaction between the officers and neighbors was enlightening and hopefully the information conveyed will be put to good use. Many of your neighbors observed new and innovative ways to

protect their home and families. They also learned how crimes are solved and what information is required by our Emergency 911 Operators should you need to call for help.

Please contact us if you have any comments or suggestions for next year so we can continue to improve the quality of our program.



JURY SUMMONS SCAM

We have become aware of a new "phishing" scam that is gaining momentum. This one is designed to solicit your Social Security Number and Date of

Birth by posing as a officer of the court with a summons for Jury Duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for

jury duty the scammer then asks for your Social Security Number and Date of Birth in order to "verify the information" and "cancel an arrest warrant." *continued next page*

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The City has continued experiencing burglaries to unlocked vehicles and houses. Please take the time to make sure your belongings are secure even if it is only for a few minutes to run inside your house. Do not be an easy target for criminals. Take all valuables out of your vehicles and secure your home.

Check out our website
www.wppd.org for more information.

KEEPING WINTER PARK CRIME FREE



Neighborhood Watch is a very important part of preserving your neighborhoods and continuing to keep them free of criminal activity. The Police Department is here to partner with you to continue to make Winter Park a great place to live and raise a family. With that being said, communication is the key to contin-

ued success. If criminal activity is occurring in your neighborhood such as car burglaries and criminal mischief which is not being reported, then these activities will probably continue. Don't wait for anyone else to step up and take charge, it is up to you to make the call.

If your neighborhood has a low crime rate then it's up to you and all of your neighbors to keep it that way. Something as simple as a phone call to the police when you see an unfamiliar person walking in your neighborhood might prevent several car burglaries or possibly a sex offender from lurking in your neighborhood. You never know what may result from your call and that's why it's important to call us right

away. You are our eyes and ears and we need your active participation to keep criminal activity out of our neighborhoods. Together we can accomplish great things. Keep Winter Park safe, support Neighborhood Watch!

BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The following Holiday Safety Tips were compiled by the Police Department to contribute to your safety and security during this holiday season. This is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. The Winter Park Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season.

Driving

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
 - Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
 - If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area and go with a friend.
 - Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
 - Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves.

JURY SCAM CONTINUED

The moment you divulge such information your identity has been stolen.

The scam has been reported in 11 states (to include Florida). What makes this scam particularly harmful is that they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pre-

tending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites to warn citizens about the fraud. The web link for more information is <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury>

Please be highly cautious about giving out your personal information over the phone or internet. Sadly, identity theft has become a continuing part of the information age.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

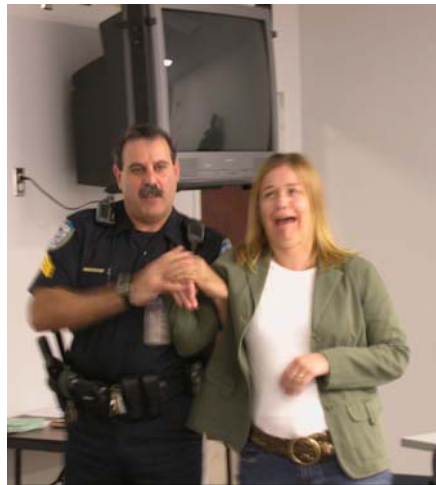
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Now is the time to sign up! This coming year we are hosting our 21st Citizen's Police Academy. The Academy will begin Tuesday January 29, 2008. The Academy will consist of 12 weeks of learning in a fun and casual atmosphere. Each class will run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm each consecutive Tuesday. There is no physical fitness requirement.

After completing the academy you will come away with a new understanding of the officers who protect you. Each class will highlight a different division or unit in the department and is instructed by a member of that division. There will be plenty of hands on activities as they relate to each particular instructional session.

The Citizens Academy allows you to venture inside the Winter Park Police Department and experience the day to day operation. Citizens will have direct contact with the officers who are devoted to enforcing the laws and protecting Winter Park. Participants will be taught how to properly handle handguns and will actually have the opportunity to shoot department firearms if they so choose. Part of this program will also include a



Sgt. Bologna demonstrates a "come-along" to a CPA student during one class

ride-along with sworn police officers during an actual patrol shift. It is the next best thing to being a police officer.

The Academy is open to all residents of the city of Winter Park, citizens who work in the city and city employees. You must be at least 21 years of age and pass a criminal history check. The Police Department maintains the right to refuse acceptance to anyone.



CPA class learning about SWAT operations during a previous class

Don't Be a Statistic Be Smart, Lock it up Winter Park!

The Winter Park Police Department is starting a new "Lock it Up!" campaign to educate residents and visitors of Winter Park on methods they may use to help reduce crime in our City. Unfortunately crime in Central Florida appears to be on the rise and the Police Department wants to provide you with important information that would be useful to help combat the increasing problems of a rising crime rate.

Crime is up everywhere even in the City of Winter Park. If everyone just followed some simple common sense rules then a large percentage of property crime would be PREVENTABLE! From March 1st to Sept. 25th, 2007, 63% of the reported vehicle burglaries in the City were to UNLOCKED vehicles. During this same time frame, 61% of the reported residential burglaries were to UNLOCKED residences.

Lock your doors & windows. Help us help you by locking every door and window in your house when you leave even for a short period of time such as working in your yard.

Keep your garage door closed at all times. Do not leave your cell phone, laptop, gun, etc in the car. If you must leave valuables in your car secure them in the trunk.

Together we can reduce the opportunities that criminals have to commit these crimes.

Remember: Don't Be a Statistic, Be Smart and "Lock it Up Winter Park!"

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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 Whitman @ (407) 599-3311. Riding is at the discretion of the Police Department.

Security Assessments: 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

BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON CONTINUED

If you must leave something in the car lock it in the trunk.

- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.

Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

ATM Machines

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall or well-lighted location.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from any-

one who is standing near you. Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

At Home

- When leaving home for an extended time have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the

windows and doors of your home.

Shopping

- Always carry your drivers license along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.