

CRIME PREVENTION

SECURITY 101: BE AWARE, BE PREPARED!

- KEEP DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES, NOT JUST WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FROM HOME! THIS INCLUDES THE DOOR BETWEEN THE GARAGE AND YOUR HOUSE AND THE PEDESTRIAN DOOR TO THE GARAGE. ALL LOCKS SHOULD BE 1" DEADBOLTS AND DOORS SHOULD BE STEEL OR SOLID CORE. OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS SHOULD BE SECURED WHEN NOT ATTENDED.
- SCREENS KEEP BUGS OUT, NOT PEOPLE. WINDOW LOCKS SHOULD BE INSTALLED AT THE 4" MARK. THIS ALLOWS FOR VENTILATION WHILE DISCOURAGING ACCESS TO THE HOME.
- GROUND PLANTINGS AROUND THE HOME SHOULD NOT EXCEED 3' IN HEIGHT. VERTICAL PLANTINGS AROUND THE HOME SHOULD HAVE CANOPIES NO LOWER THAN 6' ABOVE GROUND. PLANTINGS AROUND BATHROOM AND BEDROOM WINDOWS SHOULD BE "INHOSPITABLE" (with thorns).
- INSTALL DUSK-TO-DAWN SENSORS ON YOUR HOME AND BE SURE YOUR DOORS AND HOUSE NUMBERS ARE WELL LIT.
- RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS OF YOUR ELECTRONICS. REGISTER OR LICENSE BICYCLES AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES/MACHINERY. HAVE A PHOTO DIARY OF PERSONAL VALUABLES AND USE "OPERATION-I.D."
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE EVEN IF IT IS IN THE GARAGE. DO NOT STORE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE. PARK AS CLOSE TO YOUR HOME AS POSSIBLE AND AS CLOSE TO A LIGHT SOURCE AS POSSIBLE. TAKE YOUR GARAGE DOOR OPENER OUT OF THE VEHICLE AT NIGHT.
- FORM A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, ALERT YOUR NEIGHBOR AND CONTACT THE POLICE. BE A GOOD WITNESS (WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW. THE POLICE WILL WORK ON "WHY".) EXAMPLES OF DESCRIPTORS INCLUDE: GENDER, RACE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, CLOTHING, GLASSES, HAIR, FACIAL HAIR, WEAPONS, NOTICEABLE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, COMPANIONS IF ANY, STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUSPECT, VEHICLE, DIRECTION OF TRAVEL, ETC.