

Community Update

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“Auto Thefts” or “Stolen Vehicles”



Now that the cold weather season is approaching, the potential for Auto Thefts are likely to increase. The increase, unfortunately, could be victim motivated; this means that during the colder months car owners who warm up their cars and leave them unattended contribute to these statistics.

- During the winter months, Detectives estimate that 20-30% of cars reported stolen are taken during this moment of opportunity
- Leaving keys, purses, computers, etc. in the vehicle provides opportunities for other types of criminal activity (i.e. burglaries, Identity Theft and Fraud)

If you are a victim of an ***Auto Theft***, please dial **911** immediately to alert the police of the incident.

H-E-A-T.

Help Eliminate Auto Thefts

Ways to possibly avoid becoming an ***Auto Theft*** victim:

- Do not leave your running vehicle unsecured or unattended at any time
 - Research security devices for you vehicle (i.e. alarms, remote start)
 - Always lock your vehicle when parked in your driveway/carport
 - Call 911 for any suspicious persons or vehicles in your community
 - Communicate with your neighbors regarding reported incidents to deter others from becoming future victims
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*** Remember if you do not inform the police,
the police do not know what's happening in your community. ***

