



PREVENT BURGLARIES!

If you have any information regarding any crime, please contact PGPD District IV Investigators at **301-749-5064**. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may contact Crime Solvers at **1-866-411-TIPS** (8477). You could receive a cash reward!

Prevention plays a major part in ensuring that you are not victimized. Please review the following tips to reduce the chance that your home is burglarized:

- ✓ Keep all of your doors and windows locked when you are not home or when you are sleeping.
- ✓ If you have an alarm system, use it! If you do not, consider having one installed.
- ✓ Do not leave your garage door open, even when you are home.
- ✓ Pull your curtains and blinds closed at night so people cannot see into your home from the outside to determine contents worth stealing.
- ✓ Leave some lights on when you are not home so it looks like your home is occupied at all times. Consider leaving an AM/FM radio on to a talk channel while you are away.
- ✓ Make sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery when you are away or have a trusted neighbor pick it up. Remove trash cans from the street immediately after trash pickup has occurred. Accumulating mail and newspapers, or emptied trash cans can tip off a potential burglar that nobody is home.
- ✓ If you have an answering machine, say that nobody can come to the phone right now, thus leaving the possibility that someone is home and simply could not make it to the phone in time.
- ✓ Join your local civic or home owners' association and find out about their Neighborhood Watch program. If there is no Neighborhood Watch program in place, you can contact the District IV Community-Oriented Policing Specialists (COPS) Unit to speak with a community officer about starting a program. You can also request to have a crime prevention survey completed where you can learn techniques for increasing the security of your home.
- ✓ Make an effort to meet your surrounding neighbors and to look out for each other. Immediate reporting of crimes and suspicious activity helps to keep your community safer and your property values up. Crime fighting is not the responsibility of the police alone; it takes the community and police working together to keep an area safe. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING!**
- ✓ Find more crime prevention tips at www.ncpc.org.

You can report crimes or suspicious activity by contacting:

911 for emergencies

301-352-1200 for non-emergencies