



South Pasadena Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Residential Burglaries Rise

This past month there was a sudden rise in residential burglaries, especially concentrated in the Monterey Hills area.

Since the beginning of summer, there has also been an increase in nighttime residential burglaries occurring between 5 PM to 10 PM.

In some incidents, the burglar attempted to gain entry while the homeowner was asleep and woke up to the noise of the burglar attempting to break in.

Although, several of the residences were entered through an opened window, we have seen a number of entries made by using force such as prying a door, smashing a window or glass sliding door.

Burglars tend to work in pairs or more, as one acts as a lookout while the other one or two will enter the home.

Daytime burglars will tend to knock on your front door to verify if you are home. If you answer the door, the burglar will make an excuse such as soliciting an item, or asking for someone who doesn't live there. If no one answers the door, the burglar will go around the back to look for a way in.

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By contrast, nighttime burglars don't knock on doors. They appear to look for homes with no lights on and walk to the rear of the house.

The most common items stolen are cash and jewelry, although high-end purses and clothes have also been taken.

Alarms continue to be a good investment, just be sure to activate them while you are away. Place alarm signs clearly in the front yard and keep side gates locked. Don't advertise that no one is home. Always keep lights and radios on timers.

Neighborhood Watch is still the best way to fight crime by looking after your neighbor and calling the police on suspicious activity.

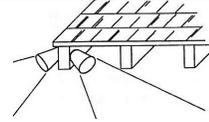
Holiday Overnight Parking Exemption

To enjoy your Thanksgiving holidays with your family, no overnight parking permits will be needed between November 23 thru 28, 2016.

The Crime Prevention Unit offers these **FREE** services

- Engravers to mark your property "Community Opportunity for Property Security (COPS) Program."
- Home Inspection Surveys.
- Email alerts of crime bulletins and weekly crime summary.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Group or receive future copies of this newsletter, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit.



Security Lighting

With the conclusion of Daylight Savings Time, it means that it will get darker earlier.

Criminals love to hide in darkness, as it helps to conceal their activity.

While we always emphasize the need to make your home occupied, good lighting is one of the best precautions you can take to prevent burglaries at night as it takes the burglars ability to hide.

Good lighting is a must on all four sides of the house, especially the driveway area and any exterior doors. Exterior light fixtures should be placed high enough, so the light bulb cannot be unscrewed, or fixture cannot be moved.

Alarms are still a great deterrent with day or night, but be sure your alarm signs are clearly visible at night.

Good lighting should not be limited to the exterior of the house. Interior lighting is just as important to give the appearance that someone is home in the evening. Lights on timers are perfect to give this appearance. Be sure to adjust your timers to reflect the time change.

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Crime Statistic Map, October - 2016



Crime occurred between 7AM - 7PM



Crime occurred between 7PM - 7AM



Crime occurred during unknown time.



Auto Burglary (5)



Commercial Burglary (1)



Residential Burglary (20)



Auto Theft (6)



Robbery (1)

