## **KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE TRAVELING**

- Do not announce travel plans (Facebook, Twitter, emails, answering machines, etc)
- Notify trusted neighbors and leave spare key with them in case of emergency. Do not leave spare key hidden near entry.
- Have a neighbor park in driveway periodically.
- Stop mail/newspapers or have someone remove them. Have someone place garbage out on garbage day but NOT before.
- Properly close and lock all windows and doors. All exterior doors should be solid core construction. Secure sliding doors with something in track. Use quality dead bolt. Lock garage door from inside.
- Do not leave garage door opener in vehicle outside.
- Install timers on lighting or other electronics.
- Your home should maintain visibility so neighbors or patrolling officers can watch for illegal activity. Keep landscaping trimmed around windows and doors. Install exterior lighting (motion lighting).
- Install alarm system.
- Keep written records of your valuables.
- Purchase quality safe for valuables. Do not leave them in view.
- Contact local police for extra patrol.
- Double check everything!