

## **HOME SAFETY TIPS**

- 1) Make sure that your address numbers are visible on your mailbox and/or residence so that law enforcement can find it quickly.
- 2) One of the best sources of protection for your house is adequate exterior lighting. Try to illuminate as many sides of your house as possible and keep the lights on during all nighttime hours and make sure to change bulbs when they burn out.
- 3) Your home should maintain its visibility so that neighbors or patrolling officers can watch for illegal activity. Keep your landscaping trimmed around doors and windows where a person might try and hide.
- 4) All exterior doors should be of solid core construction. If you have sliding doors, secure them by placing something in the track to prevent them from being pried open. A deadbolt is highly recommended for all exterior doors and a heavier gauge security strike plate with at least 3 inch wood screws should be installed.
- 5) Keep track of your keys and garage door opener. If you have recently purchased a residence, change all the locks. Do not leave your garage door opener in a vehicle that sits on the driveway or street overnight because a thief can break into the car and have immediate access to your house.
- 6) Do not leave valuables in any vehicle that is left outside overnight. Also make sure your garage door is down when leaving or going to bed.
- 7) Keep an eye on all the houses in the neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the police. Also think about implementing a neighborhood watch program to get everyone involved.
- 8) Install alarm system-does not necessarily need to be monitored
- 9) Call police and stay out of house if you believe something is wrong when you arrive home
- 10) Keep written records of property (esp. guns, electronics, etc) for tracking purposes
- 11) Think carefully before purchasing firearm-can be stolen or used against you and you must be willing to train with it