



CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
ON THE BEAT
RESPONSE AREA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Greetings,

Welcome to the Independence Division, Response Area 2 monthly community letter. Please check the Independence Division Response Area map at www.cmpd.org/Patrol to see which area you're in. If you're not in area 2, contact either Sergeant Rod Farley, RA 1 or Sergeant Rosanne DeTommaso, RA3 to sign up for that area's letter.



**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME**

I'll be sending a letter monthly - by email, to residents and businesses in the Independence Division RA 2. Ask your neighbors to contact me - gvenn@cmpd.org, their Response Area Commander, or the Independence Division office at

Community Meetings

Community Meetings are conducted in neighborhoods throughout Response Area 2. If your neighborhood, church or business would like to set up a community meeting or have an officer attend a meeting to answer questions, please contact Officer Jeff Hunter: jhunter@cmpd.org

House Break-ins

This past month has been trying. With the advent of spring and consequently nicer weather this type of crime is being perpetrated more and more. I have inserted some valuable tips concerning Burglary Prevention.



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CRIME STATS MAY

Independence Division - Beat 1712 CompStat Measures - Commander Greg Venn
Through week ending 5/30/2010

CRIME STATISTICS through 5/30/2010						
	Curr 28 Days 5/3/2010 - 5/30/2010	Prev Yr 28 Days 5/3/2009 - 5/30/2009	% Change	Curr Qtr 4/1/2010 - 5/30/2010	Prev Yr Qtr 4/1/2009 - 5/30/2009	% Change
VIOLENT CRIMES						
HOMICIDE	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
RAPE	3	0	n.c.	3	0	n.c.
ROBBERY	4	5	-20%	7	8	-13%
Commercial Robbery	0	2	-100%	1	3	-67%
Personal Robbery	4	3	33%	6	5	20%
Home Invasion	0	0	n.c.	0	0	n.c.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	1	500%	11	7	57%
ADW-GUN (Incl. In Agg Assault)	2	1	100%	3	3	0%
TOTAL VIOLENT	13	6	117%	21	15	40%
PROPERTY CRIMES						
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	9	6	50%	23	22	5%
Storage Shed Burglary	1	0	n.c.	1	0	n.c.
COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	2	3	-33%	3	6	-50%
AUTO THEFT	3	11	-73%	8	16	-50%
LARCENY	52	70	-26%	120	139	-14%
Larceny from Auto	6	35	-83%	22	68	-68%
Shoplifting	27	20	35%	50	38	32%
Vehicle Tag Stolen	5	2	150%	6	5	20%
TOTAL PROPERTY	66	90	-27%	154	183	-16%
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	79	96	-18%	175	198	-12%

n.c. = not calculable (cannot divide by zero to calculate percent change)

Crime statistics based on the date the crime was reported.

Burglary Prevention Tips

- Keep the area around your house well lit.
- Have a wide-angle door viewer (peephole) in your front door so you can see who is at the door
- Always acknowledge a caller at your door to determine who they are and what they want. Some burglars ring the door bell, and if there is no answer, they break in.
- Secure any sliding glass doors. Put a steel rod in the door channel. Install 2 or 3 screws in the overhead track to reduce the chance of the door being lifted out of the track
- Complete a home inventory list, complete with photos or video. Store this list in a secure location, preferably away from home.
- Participate in Operation Identification - engrave your driver's license number on your property. Burglars do not want marked merchandise
- Keep bushes and trees well trimmed. Thick, tall shrubbery provides hiding places for burglars
- Make sure that the locks on your doors and windows are strong and secure and use them.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.
- Display "warning" signs. If you have a dog or alarm system display signs that say you do.
- Never leave a house key in an obvious place such as a mailbox or under a doormat.
- Be careful with your keys. Put your house and car keys on separate key rings.
- Have a security plan for when you are on vacation. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the mail, etc.
- Be wary of wrong numbers and teach children what to say to strangers on the phone
- Know the steps to take if your home is burgled.

More information on how to secure your residence can be found at www.cmpd.org or you can contact the community coordinator in your area and they can assist you.

Burglary Prevention Tips Spanish

- Asegúrese que su casa esta bien alumbrada, Encienda las luces de afuera, los focos, los detectores de movimiento, etc. Deje varias luces en reguladores de tiempo mientras esta ausente de su casa para que su casa parezca que esta ocupada.
- Mantenga recortados todos los arbustos alrededor de su casa. No deje que los arbustos oculten las ventanas ni las puertas.
- Quite cualquier cosa que un ladrón pueda usar para subir y así lograr la entrada en la casa o usar para romper una ventana o una puerta: escaleras de mano, madera, mesas, o sillas.
- Todas las puertas exteriores deben ser sólidas no de interior hueco.
- Una cerradura de cerrojo amortiguado para asegurar las puertas. Una cerradura de cerrojo amortiguado buena debe tener un lance de 1". Si hay vidrio dentro de 40" de una cerradura, un ladrón puede entrar la mano y abrir la cerradura. Una cerradura de doble cilindró. El tipo en que se usa llave en los do lados de la puerta para poder abrirse esta debe usarse si el vidrio esta cerca de la cerradura.
- Si va a irse de viaje, póngase en contacto con un vecino del cual usted tiene confianza o con un amigo para que recoja el correo, los periódicos, y cualquier otra cosa que ha sido entregada.
- No anuncie nuevos regalos ni compras. Rompa las cajas antes de ponerlas en el borde de la acera o deshágase de ellas de otro modo.
- No les abra la puerta a personas que no conoce. Ser cauteloso con solicitadores y vendedores. Si un desconocido pide usar de teléfono, dígame que se quede afuera y que usted hará la llamada por el. Nunca deje entre en su casa una persona desconocida.
- No deje abierta la puerta del garaje, aunque esta en su garaje. Los ladrones pueden entrar rápidamente y robar cosas de valor antes de que usted se de cuenta.
- No de informes sobre sus vecinos a desconocidos.
- Llame al 911 si nota algo sospechoso en su vecindario.

- Si ve a un ladrón cometiendo un robo, obtenga una buena descripción del ladrón, del auto y número de la chapa. Anote estos datos y llame a la policía inmediatamente.