

Redhawk Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2015

Five representatives from the Temecula Police Department attended the Redhawk Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 7th:

- 1) Three representatives from the Problem Oriented Policing Team (POP)
- 2) Two Community Service Officers.

The following includes recommendations made by the police at the meeting to help reduce the risk of being a victim of burglary and to reduce the amount of crime in your neighborhood and other important information:

- 1) Consider adding exterior lighting and leave on external and internal lights
- 2) Use an alarm
- 3) Lock windows and doors and close the garage door even if you are only leaving for a few minutes.
- 4) Reinforce doors especially the side garage door
- 5) Get to know your neighbors. The better your neighbor's know you, the easier they will be able to spot suspicious activity at your home
- 6) Burglars have been accessing homes through the rear of the house and accessing the rear of properties from greenbelts and the golf course. Consider installing a hedge with thorns to make access through view fencing more difficult
- 7) Lock your vehicle. Thieves will walk down the street and check door handles until they find one that is unlocked
- 8) Don't leave valuables in your vehicle
- 9) Considering using a P.O. Box to help prevent being a victim of mailbox theft
- 10) Pick up mail on a regular basis
- 11) Put outgoing mail in blue USPS box or drop off mail at the post office
- 12) When having packages delivered, request that a signature be required for delivery, so the box(es) do not sit on the porch.
- 13) Report suspicious activity to the police immediately (dispatch: 951-776-1099 ext 5). "Be vigilant", don't assume someone else will call
- 14) Recent burglaries have generally been happening on weekdays between 5 PM and 9 PM
- 15) Be careful what you post on social media. Thieves use this information and many times what is posted on social media is incorrect or exaggerated
- 16) Door to door solicitors have to be permitted by the City. The permit includes the picture of the solicitor, the name of the company they are working for and the City's seal. Each individual solicitor needs a permit and they are only valid for two weeks
- 17) Volunteer for the Community Action Patrol to get more involved. Call 951-696-3000 or visit www.cityoftemecula.org for more information
- 18) For crime stats in your neighborhood go to www.riversidesheriff.org, then click on Crime
- 19) To set up a Neighborhood Watch Program through the Temecula Citizens Corp. contact Community Service Officers, Teri Harney (951-506-5132) or Lynn Salazar (951-506-5131).