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Richmond Police Department

# Sector 213 Newsletter

**With community comes unity,  
help each other, understand  
each and serve each other**



*“Building Stronger Communities”*

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committed citizens can change the world; in-  
deed, it's the only thing that ever has.**

*Margaret Mead*



## 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

The 2018 year-end crime statistics are in the process of being verified but it appears that my sector has had an increase in theft from motor vehicles and burglary of residences. Once the Department has finalized our numbers they will be released by Interim Chief William Smith.

Looking at the reports, the vast majority of thefts from motor vehicles comes from people leaving their vehicles unlocked and items in plain view. The same can be said of motor vehicle thefts with owners leaving their vehicles running and unattended. Both of these crimes can easily be prevented and each month I include information on how to avoid becoming a victim of such crimes. We need to work together on getting this message out. I'm reminded of the Smokey the Bear advertisement:

How about this from McGruff...



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## **TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF A BURGLARY**

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.

## If Your Home Is Broken Into:

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:  
Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.

Use a neighbor's phone to call police.

Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.

Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.  
Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

## Other precautions you should take:

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other “secret” hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers. Keep a copy of the information in a safe place away from home — this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters.
- Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from your precinct. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.



## **IMPORTANT TIPS TO HELP DETER THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

### **DO NOT...**

leave your vehicle unlocked when you are away from it, even for only a short period.

### **BE AWARE!**

**PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES.** Remove valuables, cash and weapons or secure them in the trunk.

**LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS.**

### **REMEMBER.....**

**SEE SOMETHING.....**

**SAY SOMETHING**

**ONLY THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, NEIGHBORS**

**HELPING NEIGHBORS, CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**





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SeeClickFix is a communications platform for citizens to report non-emergency issues, and governments to track, manage, and reply--ultimately making communities better through transparency, collaboration, and cooperation.

They say all politics is local. While we're not political, we do believe that changes that have a real impact on our daily lives occur at the neighborhood or city level. It's our goal to provide the best tools for residents and governments to communicate for all sizes, populations, and budgets.

SeeClickFix could not be done without help. On top of the passionate, fast-growing team of entrepreneurs at SeeClickFix, it is really only made possible by the amazing volunteers, citizens, and members of governments large and small who are passionate about everything civic.

WEB search SeeClickFix and download it to your phone and then you can have an impact on your neighborhood.



Richmond Police Department is encouraging all residents to sign up for Nextdoor.com. Become involved with your neighbor again.

Nextdoor was created because they believe that the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life. Neighbors everywhere use the Nextdoor platform to build stronger and safer communities.

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