



In this newsletter, we will be discussing the following:

- Block Watch Program
- Crime Prevention Tips
- Local crime statistics
- Post Falls City Code



BLOCK WATCH

JULY 2016

The Post Falls Police Department Community Service Officers would like to thank the neighborhood residents in our community who attended the “Block Watch” meeting held on June 22, 2016.

If you are interested in starting up a “Block Watch” in your neighborhood please contact Community Services at 208-773-3517 or e-mail: codeenforcement@postfallspolice.com.

What is the Block Watch Program?

It is an effective way to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. The program helps to fight the isolation crime creates and feeds upon in neighborhoods, and forges bonds among area residents.

Crime Prevention Tip



Avoid being a victim of a burglary

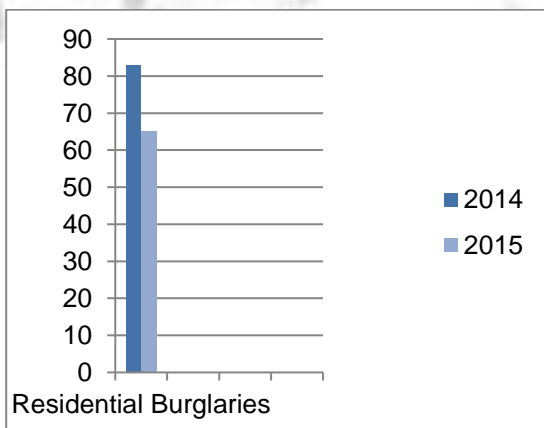
Did you know that most residential burglaries occur during daytime hours when most people are at work?

Below are some tips to assist in preventing a home burglary while you are away.

- Check all entry doors to ensure they are locked
- Secure all windows
- Leave a television or radio on inside the residence when possible
- Communicate with neighbors to remain vigilant around your neighborhood however, refrain from advertising via social media
- Get an indoor dog
- Use strategic landscaping to prevent hiding places for criminals
- Be prepared and secure valuables

2015 Residential burglary statistics

In 2015, the Post Falls Police Department had 65 reported residential burglaries. This is down by 21.69% from 2014.



Keep in mind that if your home is broken into:

- Don't go into the house. If you've already walked in, leave immediately & try to find a safe place. The suspect(s) may still be inside.
- Call the police from your cell phone or from a neighbor's house.
- Don't touch anything. The suspect(s) might have left fingerprints.

Post Falls City Code

10.20.060:

PRIVATE PROPERTY:

- A. It is unlawful for any person to park upon the private property of another without the consent of the owner of such property, and the police department is authorized to remove the vehicle therefrom and cause the same to be stored, following the procedures under title 49 of the Idaho Code, provided the owner of the private property has first complained against the owner or operator of such vehicle.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle in the front yard of a residence that is not an improved driveway. For the purpose of this section, an improved driveway shall be an off street vehicle access to a parcel of land from a private or public street or alley constructed of compacted gravel, grass pavers, brick pavers, asphalt or concrete.
- C. Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any residentially zoned property unless stored in a completely enclosed building or carport. One boat and/or one recreational vehicle without licenses may be stored in the side or rear yard, but not in any front yard. (Ord. 1201, 2010)



The Post Falls Police Department Community Services Department will be providing a new Post Falls City code in each quarterly newsletter. The Post Falls City code is available to the community through the City of Post Falls or Post Falls Police Department web pages.

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