



CITY OF POST FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Quarterly Block Watch Newsletter



The Post Falls Police Department Community Service Officers would like to remind our residents in our community who are interested in initiating a "Block Watch" Program to please contact Community Services at 208-773-3517 or e-mail: codeenforcement@postfallspolice.com



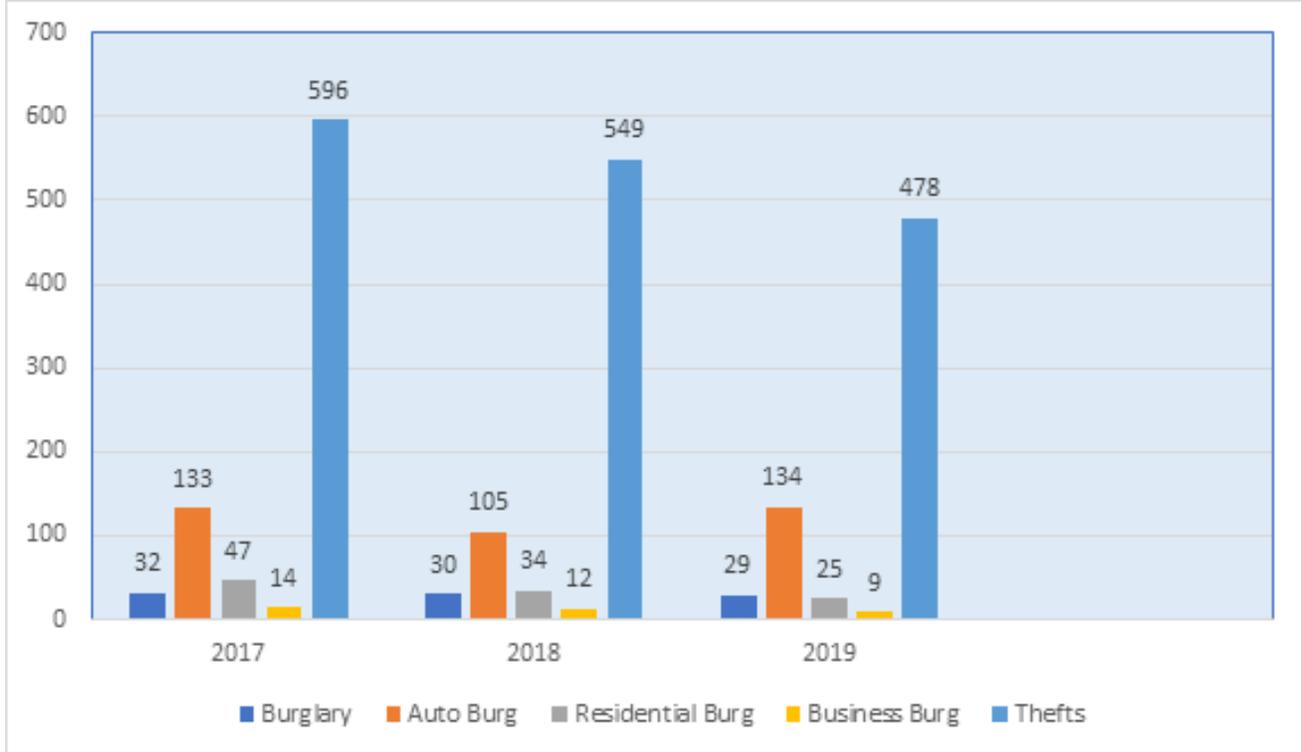
WHAT IS THE BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM?

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.

Safety Tips For Winter Driving

- Remove as much snow from the outside of the vehicle as possible
- Scrape all windows and make sure you have clear vision around your entire vehicle.
- Allow extra stopping distance, 4 wheel drive will assist with driving but will not help with stopping.
- It is a good idea to keep an emergency kit in your vehicle which includes: blanket, flashlight, shovel, sand or kitty litter, and water. Additionally, you should add anything that you would need to survive if stranded for long periods of time.
- Be mindful of other drivers, and make sure that other vehicles are able to stop before going through intersections.
- If you are driving a newer vehicle make sure all sensors and cameras have been cleaned before driving.
- Never use cruise control while driving on slick and icy roads, cruise control will not shut off if you lose control and start to spin.
- When driving up a hill never stop until you get to the top, it can be almost impossible to get traction again once you stop.
- When braking and accelerating use the smooth and steady approach, slamming on the gas or brakes will cause the vehicle to lose traction.
- Be safe and allow extra time for your travels.

Burglary and Thefts reported between 2017-2019.



The above chart is reported crimes only and not substantiated cases



A few tips to keep your property safe:

Keep your doors secure even while in your house and car.

Keep your outside lights on or add motion sensor lights.

Hide all valuables in your vehicle, if a criminal can't see it they won't know it's there.

Park your vehicle in a well lit area, try to avoid dark parking lots or alleys.

Idaho and Post Falls City Codes

P.F.M.C. 10.48.010: Snow Removal: Plowing or Depositing Snow, Dirt or Debris on Public Right of Way Prohibited:

A. It is unlawful for any operator of snow removal equipment or the owner of any land upon which snow removal equipment is operated to place or otherwise permit, sanction, approve or cause the placement of any fallen snow onto public property or rights of way upon its removal from privately owned lands.

Idaho Code 49-613: Obstruction to Drivers View or Driving

3. No vehicle shall be operated when the windshield and/or windows of the vehicle are coated with ice, snow, sleet, or dust to the extent the driver's view ahead, or to the sides or rear of the vehicle are obstructed.



The Post Falls Police Department Community Services Section 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.