

Public Safety Advisory

Dear Citizens,

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I would just like to take a moment to caution each of you. Unfortunately in the world we live in today crime rates begin to rise around the holidays in robbery and burglary. There are a few simple measures you can take to try and deter any possibility of becoming a victim of crime.

1. Be sure to leave a small light and radio on when you are away from your home so that it might appear as if someone was there. Spending a little extra in power could cost less than replacing the contents of your home.
2. Leave an exterior light on when you leave so that you are well lit when traveling from your car to your door.
3. Be sure to leave your car doors locked until you are ready to exit the vehicle and have your house keys ready to unlock.
4. Do not have your hands so full you cannot react if you had too.
5. If you have access to a cell phone, have 911 emergency stored in speed dial #1 for quick access.
6. Report any suspicious activity in your area immediately by dialing 911.
7. Never try to investigate suspicious activity outside the home without having an Officer present to assist. Turn your exterior lights on and be sure your doors are locked. In many cases just the light would deter the criminal activity. Don't be a hero!
8. If you have a garage, be sure the door is all the way down before departing from the property.
9. Be sure that you close the door before exiting the vehicle after returning home. Watch your door close through your mirrors to ensure no one tries to enter.

These are just some simple tips that may assist you in your holiday season. Thank you for your continued support of the Town of Westover!

Sincerely,

Samuel Mann
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