

The holiday's are fast approaching and this is a good time to remind the residents of some crime prevention tips for this upcoming season:

- If you are leaving town contact the Chesterfield Police for a vacation check (an officer will stop by daily and check the exterior of the resident for any evidence of crime)
- Use lights/radios on a timer if leaving town
- Keep Christmas presents out of view from the windows
- Do not set boxes from high priced items at the curb for trash pick up (break the boxes down and put them in a black trash bag)
- When shopping do not overload your vehicle with gifts; if you do keep purchased items in your vehicle, put them in the trunk
- Keep purses secured to your person (don't leave them in carts while shopping or in your vehicle)
- Make sure you get your debit/credit card back after your purchase
- Use the "buddy system" when shopping, it is safer to be with another person
- Talk to your kids about what to do if you are separated while shopping
- Do not make online purchases on insecure sites; be cautious of sites that you have never heard of before
- Check your accounts often to make sure there is no fraudulent activity
- Investigate charities prior to donating
- Mail cards with money or gift cards from the post office
- Never leave your car unattended with the motor running
- Buckle Up!

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!!!

Sincerely,

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