

# FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

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### THE CHIEF'S CORNER

As 2008 comes to a close I'd like to take this moment to pass along my sincere appreciation to those citizens who have embraced the Neighborhood Watch Program. Our citizens continue to prove their commitment to our community by taking an active role in reducing criminal activity in the beautiful City of Florissant.

Florissant has experienced an increase in some criminal activity over the past year. I'm confident this trend will be reversed with your diligent efforts to keep an eye out for yourself and your neighbors.

In these trying economic times it's not uncommon to see an increase in crime as some individuals struggle to

make ends meet. Stealing and robberies may increase.

This makes it all the more important for all of us to keep an eye out for each other.

Watching a neighbors home, reporting suspicious activity, securing your property whether it's your home or auto, take on new significance. All of us must be diligent in protecting our neighborhoods and city

As the new year approaches please take the time to look around your home, take an inventory of your valuable property. Video or take photographs of your valuables, record serial numbers, and keep your inventory and other important documents



Chief William Karabas

in a safe place, such as a bank safety deposit box.

Your, and your neighbors, active participation in the Neighborhood Watch program sends a signal to criminals, "Not in my backyard!"

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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### NOVEMBER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING DRAWS NEARLY 100 CITIZENS

Nearly 100 concerned citizens attended the November NW meeting at the Florissant Police Department. Florissant Citizen Volunteer Dick Hibbeler started off the meeting with an overview of the purpose of Neighborhood Watch and

how citizens are such an integral part of it's success.

Mr. Hibbeler has volunteered his time to assist with revitalizing the Florissant Neighborhood Watch program.

The meeting also received

local media coverage from KTVI (2) and KSDK (5).

The next meeting is January 19, 2008, 6:30PM, at the Florissant Police Department.

Please contact Sgt. Kevin Boschert at 314-830-6042 if

# “CAR CLOTTING” ON THE INCREASE

Florissant has experienced an increase in reports of vehicles being broken into while parked on shopping center parking lots. An increase in this type of theft, commonly referred to as “CAR CLOTTINGS” is not uncommon during the Christmas shopping season.

This trend is not limited to the Florissant area. Cities throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area have also experienced similar increases.

In our last newsletter we discussed the three (3) elements needed for a criminal to make you a victim of a crime;

- The *desire* to commit the crime,
- The *ability* to do it, and,
- The *opportunity* to do it.

If you factor into the equation a shopping center parking lot with hundreds of cars filled with packages we’ve just elevated the criminal’s desire level and opportunity to make someone a victim of a crime.

Here are a few suggestions to reduce the risk of becoming a target of this type of crime.

1. Place all packages and valuable in the trunk, out-of-sight.
2. Consider moving your car to another location on the lot after you place a large amount of packages in your trunk. If someone is watching it may give the appearance you’re leaving the area.
3. Take a look around as you exit and approach your car. If you notice

someone just sitting in their vehicle appearing as if they may be casing the notify store security or the local police immediately.

One last tip.

- If you have a cell phone act as if you’re having a phone conversation with someone even if you’re not as you enter or exit your vehicle. A criminal may not decide to approach you if they think there’s a chance whoever you’re speaking with will alert the police.

Let’s work together to make sure you, or someone you know, doesn’t become a “CAR CLOTTING” victim this holiday season

Season’s Greetings and safe shopping!

## BURGLARY INFO

November 2008 saw a total of 30 burglaries reported. This is an increase for the same time period in November 2007.

A recent analysis indicated Thursday was the most frequent day of the week for burglars with five (5) reports. The remaining 6 days of the week saw an even distribution of reports with three, (3) for each day.

Twelve incidents occurred between the hours of 6:00AM and 6:00PM. Ten, or nearly 33%, of these reports were discovered by the victim before, or near, 3:00PM,.

The most frequent, point of entry, was a rear door. This accounted for 50% of all November reports. The method of entry was either the doors being kicked, forced open some other way, or braking out the glass on the door to gain entry.

Please remember to lock all doors and windows. Deadbolt locks with a 1” throw are recommended for exterior doors. *(At Right: A variety of window and door locks.)*



Upper left: Deadbolt lock with a 1” throw.

Upper right: Door knob bar

Lower left: Lock for sliding door

Lower right: Sliding door/window lock

## **November 2008 Crime Report**

**(The final report numbers are still be calculated)**

**There have been no Homicides during the month of November.**

**There were 9 Robberies in the month of November.**

11/01/08700 blk Thompson	11/02/08900 blk N. Hwy 6711/06/08	1100 blk Grandview Gardens Ct
11/07/08100 blk Flower Valley Center	11/11/08Bay Meadows & Delaware	11/12/0814300 blk New Halls Ferry
11/21/08900 blk Sherman	11/21/08300 blk Howdershell	11/29/088100 blk N Lindbergh Blvd

(5 Robberies were committed with a firearm/knife/other dangerous weapon was implied or displayed,  
4 Robberies were a Strong Arm type.)

**There were 2 Rapes reported in the month of November.**

11/01/08	3200 blk Cross Keys Dr	11/03/082500 blk Derhake
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**There were 30 Burglaries during the month of November.**

**(Includes 5 Attempt Burglaries)**

### **28 Residential Burglaries**

11/02/08 1000 blk Rampart Dr	Forced entry	11/03/08 200 blk St. Regis	<i>Attempt only</i>
11/04/08 2900 blk Santiago Dr	Unlawful entry	11/04/08 2300 blk Sucasa	Forced entry
11/11/08 100 blk Grenoble	<i>Attempt only</i>	11/12/08 3200 blk Cross Keys Dr	Forced entry
11/14/08 1500 blk Fairmont Dr	Unlawful entry	11/14/08 1800 blk Clover Ln	Forced entry
11/15/08 300 blk Skylark Dr	Forced entry	11/16/08 500 blk Derhake Rd	Forced entry
11/16/08 2700 blk Derhake Rd	<i>Attempt only</i>	11/16/08 1200 blk St. Antoine	Unlawful entry
11/17/08 300 blk Harrison St	<i>Attempt only</i>	11/17/08 400 blk Merechal Ln	Forced entry
11/18/08 1200 blk Acredale Dr	Forced entry	11/18/08 1300 blk Swan Dr	Forced entry
11/19/08 100 blk Taney Dr	Forced entry	11/20/08 2000 blk Croftdale	Forced entry
11/20/08 700 blk Derhake Rd	Forced entry	11/21/08 1 <sup>st</sup> blk St. Cornelius Ct	Forced entry
11/22/08 2200 blk Flordawn Dr	Forced entry	11/23/08 3600 blk Tremont Dr	<i>Attempt only</i>
11/24/08 2000 blk Aristocrat Dr	Unlawful entry	11/24/08 2500 Dove Dr	Forced entry
11/24/08 500 blk S New Florissant	Forced entry	11/27/08 1400 blk S Waterford	Forced entry
11/27/08 2100 blk Marrisra Dr	Forced entry	11/29/08 1300 blk Pepperhill Dr	Unlawful entry

### **2 Business Burglaries**

11/04/081700 blk N Hwy 67	Forced entry	11/14/081 <sup>st</sup> blk Florissant Oaks	Unlawful entry
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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*"The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism."*

### **Citizen Interaction**

*We recognize our community-policing role as a partnership with the Citizens of Florissant. We need and encourage the participation of every citizen in solving problems and improving the quality of life for our community.*

### **Integrity**

*In order to achieve public trust and build upon our community partnership, we demand the highest level of integrity in ourselves. Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright, and sincere*

### **Fairness**

*We are committed to upholding the law in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner. We serve every member of our community equally, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or social status.*

### **Professionalism**

*In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.*

## **PICTURE THIS IDEA, "TAKE A SHOT"**

Let's go back in time a few years. Remember when police agencies wanted citizens to engrave their driver's license number on valuable items? You're driver's license number was your Social Security Number. You even had your SSN on your checks for identification purposes since it was your driver's license number. Ah, those were the good old days!

Police departments even offered a program called Operation I-dent. You borrowed an engraver from your location station and went to work engraving TV's, bicycles, stereo equipment, and the like. In the event your property was stolen and recovered a police officer would have a way to track you down so you could retrieve your stuff.

A lot of things have changed over the years, you never give out your SSN, even for a driver's license. Digital cam-

eras are plentiful and as a result we no longer have to keep boxes of negatives on hand.

Ah, a lot has changed over the years!

The introduction of bar coding systems has allowed most manufacturers of electronic equipment to track their products till it reaches the front door of a store. At that point the store takes over with its bar coding system for inventory purposes.

And now comes the sale of the product. You produce your method of payment, cash, debit card, or a credit card. You get your receipt. Take a look at it and see if it has bar code on it. If it does the store has all the information from the sale on hand. With this information, receipt in hand, and registering electronic items for warranty with the company, may enhance your chances of

getting your property returned to you when it's recovered.

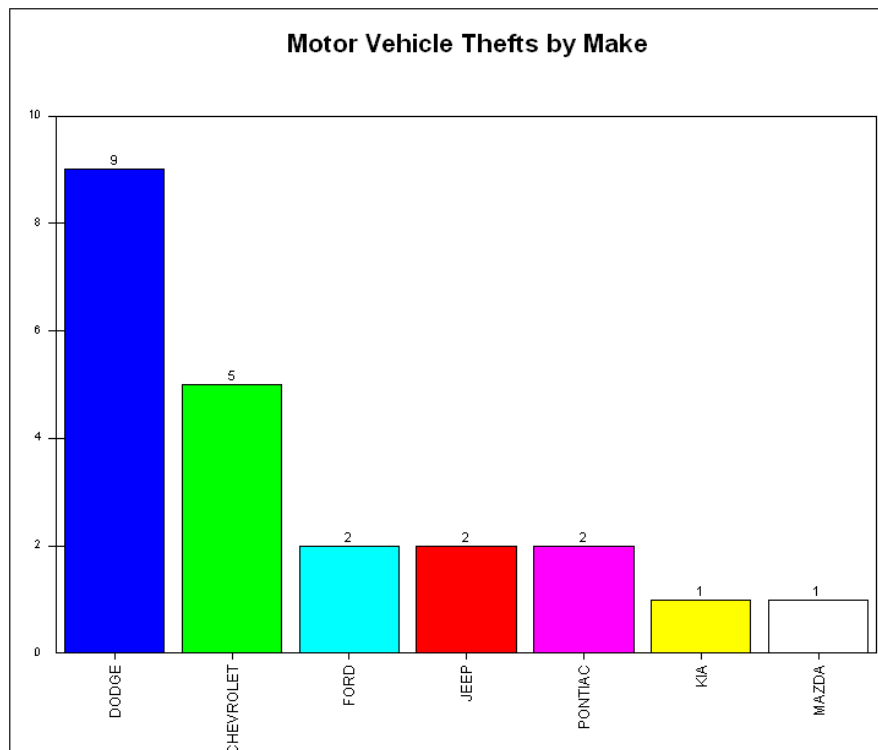
Why do I bring this subject up? Most property managers to find it's way back to the owner but when it doesn't the police department will eventually purge, discard, or destroy items when unclaimed.

That's why we recommend "TAKE A SHOT" and use that digital camera to take photos of valuable property. Include an overall shot, model number and even one of the serial number. Make CD of the photos, a pictorial inventory if you will, and keep the CD in a safe place such as a safe deposit box. If your stuff is stolen you can produce photos, with serial numbers. Don't forget to include jewelry when photographing your valuables. *A PICTURE IS WORTH A !,000 WORDS!*

**Vehicle Thefts: 19** Motor vehicles have been reported stolen during the month of November, with one of these reports being UNFOUNDED.

(Includes Attempt Auto Thefts, counted as Auto Thefts for UCR purposes)

11/03/08 1500 blk Ascot Terrace	11/06/08 1600 blk Shackelford
11/06/08 1600 blk Shackelford	11/09/08 1100 Grandview Grdns Ct
11/09/08 1700 blk Waterford	11/14/08 200 blk Brightmoor Dr
11/15/08 100 blk Grenoble Ln	11/16/08 1900 blk Derhake
11/22/08 4500 blk Washington	11/22/08 800 blk Pebble Ln
11/22/08 14000 blk New Halls Ferry	11/23/08 1 <sup>st</sup> blk Canisius Ln
11/25/08 1300 blk Dunn Rd	11/25/08 100 blk St. Maurice
11/26/08 3200 blk Kingsley	11/27/08 100 blk Dunn Rd
11/28/08 100 blk Brightmoor Dr	11/28/08 1600 blk Mark Twain
11/30/08 1 <sup>st</sup> blk Mohan	



**Stealing Offenses:**

A total of 100 incidents of stealing were reported during the month of November. 131 reports related to shoplifting, 52 reports related to stealing from a motor vehicle, 2 report related to stealing motor vehicle parts, 2 reports related to stealing bicycles, 12 reports related to stealing from a building, and the remaining reports were of the miscellaneous stealing variety.

**Property Damage Offenses:**

There were 39 property damages reported during the month of November. Of these reports a total of 36 vehicles were reported to have been damaged.