



## **WARNING TO COPLEY RESIDENTS**

### **Wedgewood, Kingsbury, Heritage Woods, Swan Lake Hametown Road areas**

The Copley Police Department has issued a warning to residents living in the neighborhoods off of Hametown Road. Police are investigating several burglaries of homes and thefts from motor vehicles.

Persons have been walking through our neighborhoods and entering unlocked vehicles parked in driveways. In most cases there has been no damage to the vehicles, but articles of value have been stolen from the cars, such as, laptop computers, money, GPS units, etc.

What is more disturbing, is that police are investigating several burglaries of homes. In most cases, the burglars have struck when the residents were out of town for a few days to a couple weeks. So, it appears that the burglars have easily identified those homes that have been vacant.

Most of the burglaries have taken place in the late evening or early morning hours. So, if you should see or hear persons outside your home during these times, or see any persons or vehicles in your neighborhood that seem out of place, please do not hesitate to call police immediately by dialing 9-1-1. The quicker you notify us, the quicker we can respond to check out a suspicious situation.

Do not develop a false sense of security if you have a home security system. In many cases, if something happens to trigger your home alarm, the alarm monitoring stations wait several minutes before calling the police. This results in a delay in our response to your home.

Some folks have security cameras mounted outside their home. If you have cameras and you discover images of persons around your home that appear suspicious, please contact our detectives at our non-emergency number 330-666-4218. Our detectives would like to view those images, which could help us to identify the suspects.

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It is extremely important to make your home look as lived-in as is possible when you are away. Please stop your newspaper and mail delivery or have someone pick these items up for you on a regular basis. Do not leave trash cans out at the roadside and keep your grass cut. Any of these situations can alert a burglar that you are away from home.

It is a good idea to have friends or relatives watch you home when you are away. If someone is watching over your home while you are away, then things like packages outside your door or fliers left at your home can be removed on a timely basis.

Copley Police also conduct vacation house checks as one of our services. If you are going on vacation, you can call our Dispatch Center at 330-666-8866. You can request a vacation house check at which time the dispatcher will ask you some questions to help us watch your home. They will ask if a friend or relative will be watching the home or will have a key, if there will be any lights left on, or if there will be cars in the driveway. An officer will periodically check your home and contact you if we find anything suspicious.

Copley Police are also available to conduct a brief security assessment of your home. We can meet with you and offer suggestions as to how you can keep your home and family safe. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to call our non-emergency phone number, 330-666-4218.

Our police patrol your neighborhood on a regular basis. Sometimes these officers are in marked police cruisers and sometimes on bicycles or unmarked police cars. However, Copley is a large community covering over 22 square miles. We can use your help. Do not hesitate to call if you see someone or something suspicious taking place. You know your neighbors and your neighborhood better than we do, so you might easily recognize when something is out of place or suspicious. If you call us quickly, we can respond and investigate.

#### **THE PHONE NUMBERS TO CALL:**

**EMERGENCIES / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: 9-1-1**

**IF YOU HAVE IMAGES ON YOUR HOME SECURITY CAMERAS: 330-666-4218**  
**TO SPEAK TO A DETECTIVE: 330-666-4218**  
**TO ARRANGE A VACATION HOUSE CHECK: 330-666-8866**  
**TO SPEAK TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE: 330-666-4260**

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