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Dear Falcon Residents,

Block Captains

This is just a simple reminder that there will be several Block Captain certification classes coming up in 2009. The new goal is to have all Block Captains in the City to receive the certification prior to the end of May. The next one that is coming up is:



Dec 17th, 2008 Location: Falcon Division ([Map](#)) Offered at 7:00pm- 8:30pm.

'Tis the Season...

The numbers for the car break-ins has remained relatively steady over the last month. (40 at last months newsletter and 37 this month).

That being said, we are entering one of the highest times of car break-ins due to the Holiday Season.

Some of the things to consider with vehicles:

- In parking lots of malls or shopping centers, do not leave anything of value in plain view. This includes CD's, ipods, cell phones, computers. It would also include any gifts bought and brought to the car and left there. In some cases, even trunks have been broken into.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles prior to entering shopping centers or malls.
- Don't try to hide items under items such as coats or blankets.

Holiday Safety:

- Be sure to let someone know where it is you plan to go shopping and an expected time of return.
- Do not flash large amounts of cash while purchasing items.
- Avoid wearing flashy jewelry when shopping.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash
- Always be aware of your surroundings, (Situational Awareness).
- When shopping, wear shoes comfortable enough to run in.

Cell Phones

You may have seen it already. An e-mail is currently circulating that tells a story of a woman who received a text from her husband saying he was at the bank and could not remember the PIN. She text him back with the PIN only to find out later that her husbands phone had been stolen along with his wallet thus allowing thieves to withdraw money from their account. A search of Snopes.com labels this e-mail chain as "undetermined." That being said, there is certainly some validity to the e-mail and it is a situation that could happen. First and foremost, it is important to have an understanding with family/friends that information such as passwords or PIN's should NEVER be texted. If a text is received with such a request, it would be wise to follow-up with a phone call to verify. It is also recommended that you review your call list in your phone and change anything that could identify someone's relationship to you if your phone is stolen. Things such as "wife", "hunny", "Dad" should be removed and replaced with a name.



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5 week trend for the Division

Falcon	10/26/2008	11/02/2008	11/09/2008	11/16/2008	11/23/2008	Total
ALCOHOL	6	1	2	4	2	15
ASSAULT	7	5	8	7	5	32
BMV	7	5	8	6	11	37
BOMB	1	0	0	1	0	2
BURG(ALARM)	48	60	40	47	41	236
BURGLARY	14	24	25	21	17	101
DISTURBANCE	81	61	61	67	51	321
DUI	22	15	15	16	11	79
FRAUD	14	10	13	13	9	59
MVT	3	1	0	3	2	9
NARCOTICS	8	12	5	3	3	31
PROWLER	1	7	1	1	2	12
ROBBERY	2	0	1	1	0	4
ROBBERY(ALARM)	2	2	4	2	5	15
SEX CRIME	6	2	4	3	1	16
SHOTS FIRED	1	4	2	3	4	14
THEFT	33	20	23	33	13	122
TRAFFIC	38	45	54	58	54	249
VANDALISM	12	7	6	7	6	38
WEAPON	1	1	1	4	3	10
Total	307	282	273	300	240	1,402



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Where have the crimes been?

Take a moment to look...



Nov 2nd- Nov 8th

Nov 9th- Nov-15th

Nov 16th- Nov- 22nd

Nov 23rd – Nov 29th