

Surprise Police Report



A message from the Chief!

A message from Chief Michael Frazier

Recently, like many cities throughout the country, the City of Surprise has enjoyed an overall reduction in criminal activities. Despite that fact, we continue to respond to numerous reports of burglary and theft that occur when criminals find easy targets. Since crime prevention is our ultimate objective, we need your help to advance the security of our community and prevent these crimes from occurring. The following prevention activities will go a long way toward protecting your property and making our community even more secure—**lock your doors, lock your windows, and keep valuables out of sight.**

Residents of the City of Surprise enjoy their safe communities. However, we must guard against developing complacency in our crime prevention practices at home and work and continue to practice due diligence to maintain and continually improve that level of safety.

Crime prevention is an ongoing objective of all the men and women of the City of Surprise Police Department. To accomplish this objective, we are committed to developing crime prevention programs, answering questions,



presenting crime prevention information at various venues, and preparing and distributing educational crime prevention materials. Through this "Partnership for Prevention," the police department, together with the community we serve, can have a positive impact on reducing crime. We strongly encourage all residents of the Surprise community to become proactive in learning crime prevention techniques and regularly applying that knowledge to continue to enhance the safety and security of our city. If you would like additional information related to crime prevention, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the City of Surprise Police Department at 623-222-4000.

Chief of Police Michael Frazier

Contact Us

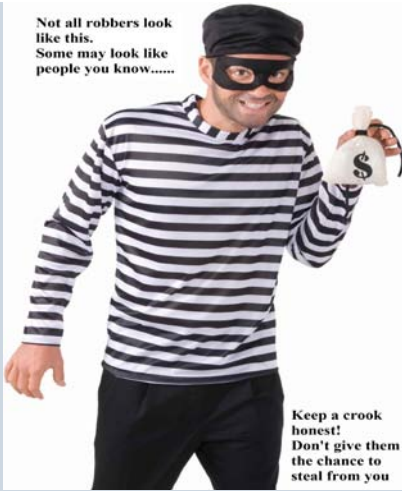
- In case of an emergency:
911
- Non-emergency phone:
623-222-4000
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police@SurpriseAZ.gov

"Police can only act on information. The best information comes from partnering with our citizens."

Lt. Penny Riherd



Not all robbers look like this. Some may look like people you know.....



Keep a crook honest! Don't give them the chance to steal from you

"Most crooks want to blend in with the public, not stand out."

Remember people are suspicious based on their actions, not how they look."

Sgt. Mike Donovan

Crime Prevention Tips

Leave a radio tuned to an AM talk station on when you are not at home.

Burglars would rather not break into an occupied house. So, they typically try to look in windows, listen for sounds of people being at home and may ring the doorbell to see if anyone answers.

To employ this crime fighting trick, turn the volume up until you can stand just outside your home and hear the voices on the radio but not so loud that you clearly hear what is being said.

If a crook stands by your house and listens, he will hear conversations going on that sound like people are inside the house.

If you go out walking, consider

carrying a personal alarm.

These are small light weight devices that you can trigger in an emergency. They are extremely loud and will help to call attention to yourself and your situation.

Situations where these could be helpful include suspected criminal activity, medical emergencies, suspicious animals and any other time you need help.

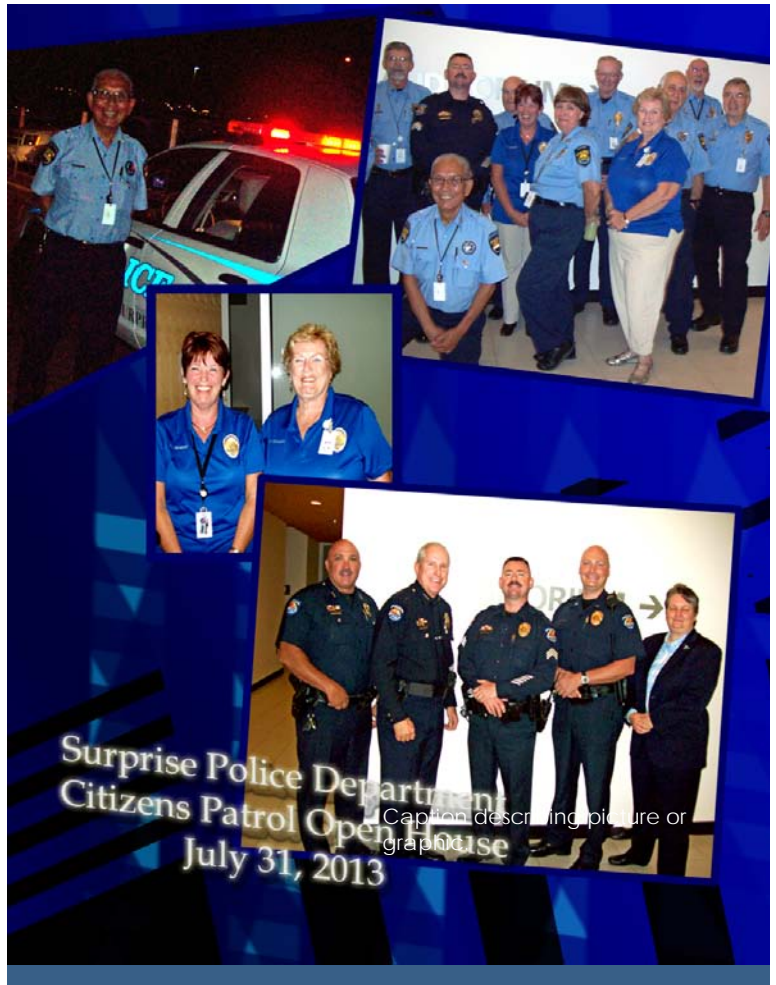
If you have any questions about these tips, contact our Crime Prevention Unit at 623-222-4422.

Officer Goes Above and Beyond

The Surprise Police Department wishes to share this story with the community and recognize Officer Anna Flores for an exemplary act of kindness.

Officer Flores learned that three children of a domestic violence victim were in need of clothing, shoes, food and diapers. Officer Flores took it upon herself to purchase clothing, diapers, baby wipes and milk for the children with her own money.

This is one of many individual acts of leadership, strength and kindness that make us proud of the City of Surprise Police Department and all of its officers. Great job Officer Flores!"



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*Please secure your
valuables so you don't
tempt a thief.*

Volunteer Corner

The Surprise Police Department is lucky to have two amazing groups of volunteers. In future issues we will highlight their activities and how you can join up and help.

The Surprise Citizens Patrol is a nationally recognized, award-winning volunteer organization, the mission of which is to assist the Surprise Police Department and to help ensure a safe environment for the people who live and work in the City of Surprise.

Citizens Patrol volunteers act as extra eyes and ears for the Police Department. The volunteers help prevent and reduce crime through the observation and reporting of suspicious or possible criminal activities. The volunteers also conduct vacation house checks, deliver internal city mail, direct traffic at accident scenes and are called out to assist with emergencies. Surprise Police Department also has a Police Explorers Program. Explorer Programs consist of youths 14-20 years of age and adult volunteers who act as advisors for the program.

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

From Our Families to Yours
Happy Holidays
**And wishing you a
safe and happy 2014**

