

THE EYE



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Neighborhood Watch

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SAVE THE DATE

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th, 2012 this year. We will be sending out more information regarding this. This event is an opportunity to get your neighbors together and promote a crime free neighborhood.



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Step 1: Email Address

Enter the email address that the email alerts will be sent to.

Step 2: Location of Interest

Enter the address or intersection for the location that you are interested in.

Step 3: Focus

How far around your location do you want to go with this report?

Step 4: Crime Types

Check the box next to the crime types that you would like to be notified about.

Step 5: Sex Offenders

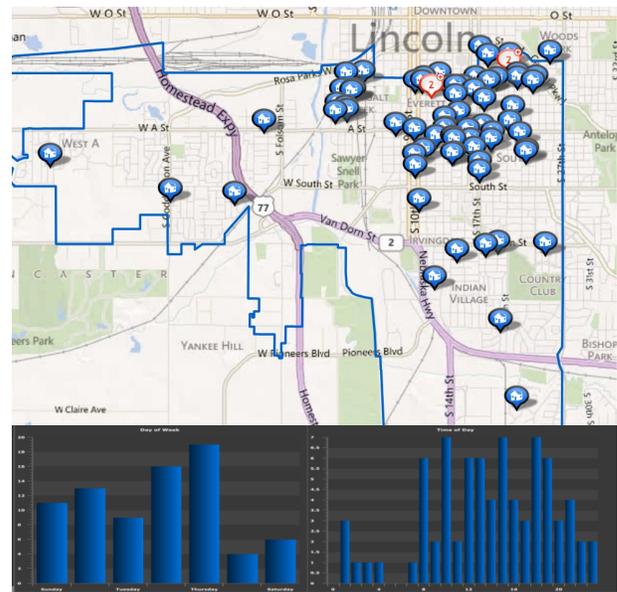
Yes, I want a link to state sex offenders in my alert.

Step 6: Almost there!

Click the save button to finish.

We have seen an increase in residential burglaries since the beginning of 2012. The police department establishes certain limits or thresholds on major crimes including burglary. By doing this we are able to determine if there is an increase in reported crimes. When we are alerted that the established threshold has been exceeded, officers are then able to focus their efforts to attempt to reduce that particular crime from happening. In 2002 we had 1,380 residential burglaries reported and in 2011 we had 1,069 residential burglaries. This shows a decrease in residential burglaries over the course of the last 9 years which is a good sign. Since January 1st this year we have had 350 residential burglaries reported. This puts us on goal to have a similar number of burglaries as last year. Obviously, we want to see this number go down. The reason our attention has been drawn to residential burglaries as of late is because several of the burglaries have occurred in clusters or areas very close to one another. Usually this means that the same person or a few similar people are committing those burglaries. They are entering houses

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



[Map and graph of Residential Burglaries in your area since 01-01-2012]

through unlocked doors and garages. Over 40% of burglaries occur due to garage doors being left open. The individuals are also entering the house by prying on windows. In several incidents it appears that they tried to get into a house but nothing was taken. This could mean that the person was scared off by someone or it became too

difficult to discretely enter a house. This is where you come into play. By being active witnesses and reporting suspicious people in the neighborhoods we may be able to catch someone in the act. In several cases there were several houses entered on the same block. Call the police to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

- Doors should have a dead bolt lock with a 1" throw.
- A peep-hole or wide angle viewer should be installed.
- Do not rely on spring bolt or chain latch locks. They are not strong enough to provide security.
- Close and lock garage doors
- Keep any garage remote out of sight or hidden inside your car.
- Any entry door from the garage into the house should be kept locked.
- Drill a hole in the sash of windows and insert a dowel or nail that protrudes to prevent the window from being pushed open past a certain spot.
- Screws can be adjusted in the upper frame of a sliding glass door that prevent the door from being lifted out of its track.
- Illuminate all entry points.
- Maintain plants to avoid hiding places. Keep shrubs no higher than 3' and tree branches no lower than 6' above ground. This creates a natural viewing area and keeps doors and windows from being obscured.
- Do not hide keys outside. Most burglars know all of the good hiding places.