

The "EYE"

Lincoln Neighborhood Watch

Spring/Summer 2008

Summer vacation time!!

School will be out soon, it's getting warmer, and thoughts of summer vacations are filling the minds of both kids and adults. While your gone from your home there are a few things you need to keep in mind so that you don't become a victim of a crime back at home.

- * Be sure to lock your doors and windows. Draw the shades so people can't window shop while your gone.
- * Leave a light on inside the house, preferably on timers, so that would be burglars don't see a dark house every night you are gone.
- * The best giveaway to a burglar is papers or mailings piling up on your porch. You could have your mail and paper delivery paused while you are gone, but it doesn't stop any door hangers left on your door, phone books, package deliveries or specialty letters from piling up. The best option is to find a friend to check your house at least every other day for any potential problems. They can even find mechanical problems that may arise while you are gone, so you don't come home to a new swimming pool in your basement!
- * Tell your trustworthy neighbors to keep an eye out on your house. Tell them who is authorized to be there while you are gone, so they know if something looks out of place and can call the police to investigate.
- * Do not hide keys outside. Most burglars know all the good hiding places. Especially those you can buy at a store. They've seen the key hiding rock and the key hiding dog poop too!! Of course they're pretty determined if they're going to go through your yard testing all the droppings to see if they're real.

Door to door vendors

With nice weather, comes door to door vendors. An age old tradition, but a great potential for fraud! Protect yourself by knowing how to tell the difference between a good deal and a scam. All door to door vendors must have a Peddler's Permit. A sample of what a real permit looks like is shown below. If they don't have a peddler's permit they are not certified to sell door to door. Lincoln Police respond to several of these types of calls every summer. Some of the vendors are very good at being pushy, don't be pressured into an unsolicited sale. Especially when it comes to home repairs.

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CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA <small>DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND PERMITS</small>		-SAMPLE- 05/25/2004
NONTRANSFERABLE		
Permit #: L-1173	Type of License/Permit: PEDDLER	Expiration Date: 05/18/2005
Licensee: HENDRIX, JOE E 36505 S 72ND ST OMAHA, NE, 68124	Establishment: THE DOPR'S 611 K ST WASHINGTON, DC, 20001	
Conditions: HOURS OF SALES: 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. - BOOKS & MAGAZINES		
HENDRIX, JOE E 36505 S 72ND ST OMAHA, NE, 68124	<i>Jan E. Row</i> Issuing Officer	Form Fee: \$25.00 Occupation Tax: \$0.00 License Fee: \$0.00 Total: \$25.00 Receipt #: 2094-0682 Date Paid: 05/18/2004 Amount Paid: \$25.00
	Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/>	
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CRIME FREE DOLLARS

2008

A Larceny From Auto Awareness Program

The citizens of Lincoln suffer approximately one million dollars in loss due to larceny from auto annually. In the Spring of 2003 the Lincoln Police Crime Prevention Unit teamed up with AAA Insurance and the Crime Free Dollars program was initiated. How the program works:

1. Officers contact students at the six Lincoln public high schools to educate them to lock their vehicles and keep their valuables concealed or removed from the car ;
2. The school parking lots are then randomly surveyed and the license numbers of the vehicles in compliance are recorded.
3. A drawing is then held for each high school and the student drawn is then awarded \$50 in cash provided by AAA Insurance. Including this years winners, AAA Insurance has paid out \$1,750. This years winners are:

- East High School -
- Lincoln High School -
- North Star High School -
- Northeast High School -
- Southeast High School -
- Southwest High School -



Officer Jared Minary and AAA Manager Marilyn Muir

THE LINCOLN POLICE ARE ON MYSPACE!!!!

Our Myspace page is focused on Lincoln's younger citizens!

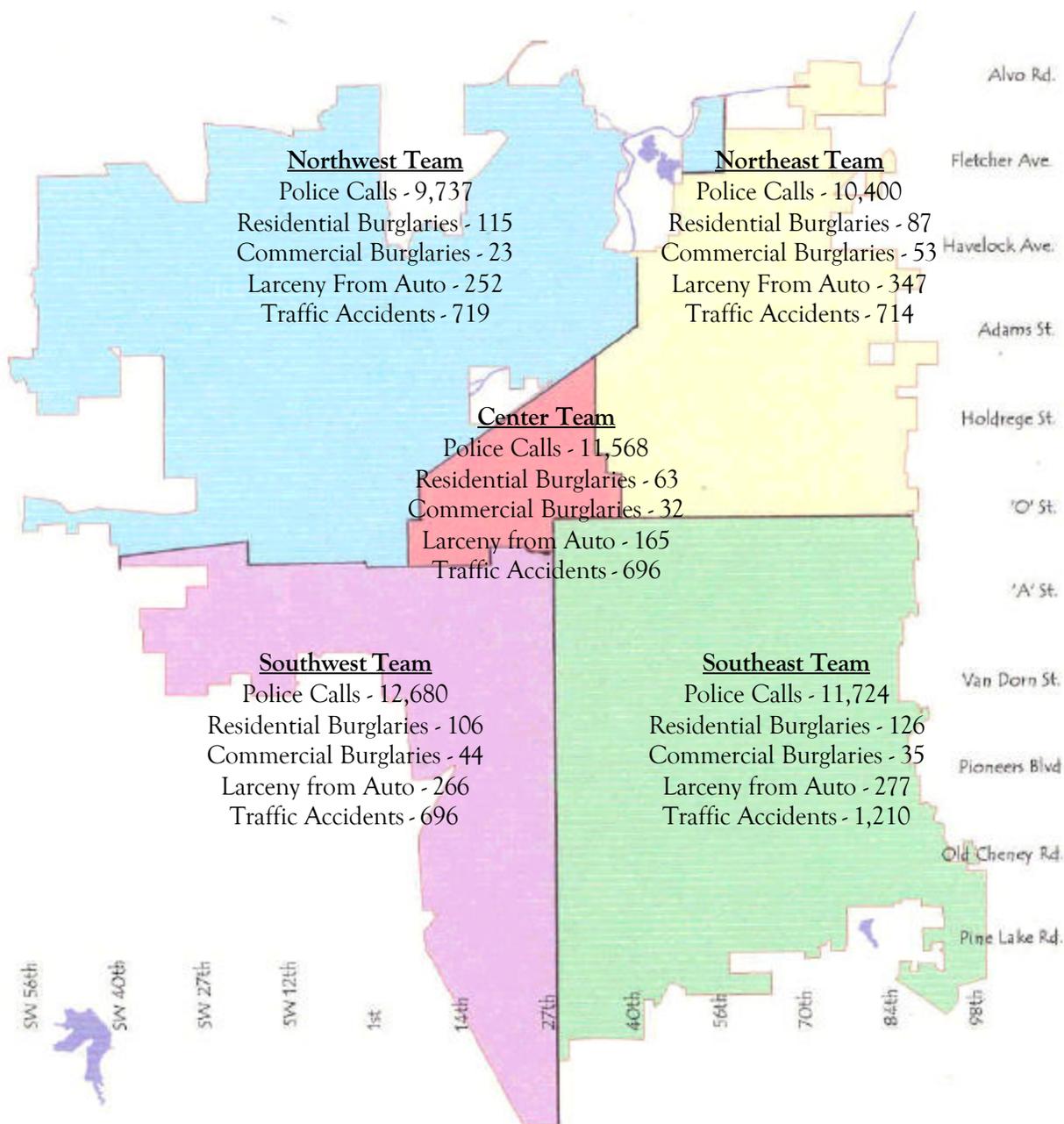
- We want to show you the side of the police department that you may not know.
- We want to keep you updated on crimes or activities that may affect you.
- We even want to help answer your questions.



By adding us to your 'friends' list, you will get bulletins directly from the Lincoln Police Department! We will select crimes that happen at Lincoln schools or with suspects that you may know. If you have any information on the crimes, you can call Crime Stoppers to help us solve them and **even be eligible for a cash reward!!!!**

www.myspace.com/lincolnpd

SUMMARY OF REPORTED CRIMES between 1-1-2006 and 5-31-2006



STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Through May of 2007 there have been 57,361 police calls for service across the city. This is 2.9% more calls for service than in the same time frame in 2006. The total number of residential burglaries for the city so far is 498, a 2.5% decrease from the previous year. Larcenies from auto reports are up 35.2% compared to this same time period last year. As of the end of May 1,332 incidents of larceny from auto have been reported.

During the first five months of the year there have been 187 commercial burglaries reported. Compared to the same time period in 2006 that gives us a 18.4% increase in business break-ins. We have seen an unusual amount of break ins to schools and churches. The police department asks you to continue to pay attention to neighborhood schools and churches for any unusual people or occurrences and to call the police when you see any suspicious activities.

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Lincoln Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
575 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Return Service Requested

National Night Out 2008

Mark your calendars!!! The "25th Annual National Night Out" has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008. We cordially invite you and your neighbors to be part of the NIGHT OUT 2008 Team.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 5 to 9 p.m. on August 5th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Lincoln and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. If you plan on hosting a meeting, block party or a cookout and you would like to have a police officer attend, call the Crime Prevention Unit at the Lincoln Police Department at 441-7261 or 441-6351 by the 27th of July. This will allow time to schedule officers to be at as many neighborhood events as possible.



You may have seen some different Neighborhood Watch signs around the city. The new signs are in and they installations have begun. There are some noticeable changes, but the new signs are an improvement. The size is smaller, allowing them to be installed quicker and in more locations. The signs are only in black lettering, which is less resistant to fading. The signs are less expensive, allowing us to buy more for the same price! But the best part is, they are reflective now! That way when the bad guys are prowling around at night the signs will stick out to remind them they are being watched.

