



SAVE THE DATE

National Night Out
is scheduled for

TUESDAY
AUGUST 5th, 2014



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is an opportunity to get your neighbors together and celebrate a crime free neighborhood and meet some of your local police officers.

More information to follow.

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Building Safer Communities

Find out what is happening in
YOUR neighborhood!!

Open Garage Door Burglaries

It is no surprise that 40% of residential burglaries stem from the garage door. Garages store a lot of expensive equipment that can make them a great target. They are also seemingly disconnected from the house even when attached and the criminal can feel some amount of peace while committing their crime. We forget to close the door, especially in the summer when we are outside and using things from our garage more frequently.

A more alarming issue does come from the connected garages, however. Once a criminal is in your garage they will try the interior door that goes into your house. It seems a lot of people assume that their house is secure because they have a garage door. If a criminal enters into your residence they now have access to a lot more things and this can really shake your sense of security. Commonly, larger bags are left near a door as they are dropped when people enter the house. This could be laptop bags, back packs, and hand bags. A criminal may not have to travel far to find a gold mine of goodies just inside the door.

Since January, there have been 22

reported burglaries from garages. Of these 22 cases, 8 of the garages were left open, 7 were locked, and 7 were closed but unlocked. In 6 of the 22, entry was gained into the residence from the attached garage. In only one case was the interior door to the house locked.

In most of the cases where the garage door was locked the suspect gained entry by using a garage door opener located in a vehicle parked in the driveway. Perhaps this criminal was out for the night looking to steal from cars but was presented with an opportunity to gain entry into the garage and took advantage of it.

The total theft loss in these 22 cases was \$32,688 worth of property. Property damaged to gain entry totaled \$575 for all 22 cases. This is proof that garages house very valuable items and we can do more to protect ourselves from becoming victims.

- Close and Lock garage doors
- Bring the garage door openers into the house.
- Lock interior doors from garage to house
- Install locks on all doors (deadbolts should have at least a 1 inch throw).

Neighborhood Watch Annual Meeting

The Neighborhood watch annual meetings will be held at

Lincoln Police Department

575 S 10th Street

Wednesday, June 25th, 2014 @ 7pm

- Intended for groups located NORTH of 'O' Street

Monday, June 30th, 2014 @ 7pm

- Intended for groups located SOUTH of 'O' Street