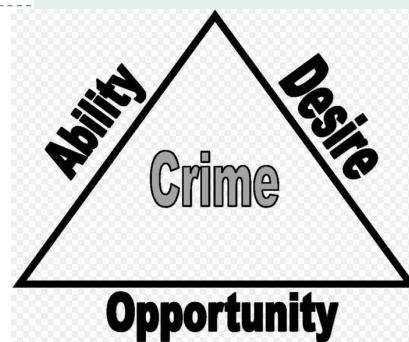


Lincoln Police Department
Community Services Unit
575 S. 10th, Lincoln, NE 68508



January 31st, 2021
Volume 40, Issue 1



Snowy Days!!

That time of year is back again! The time of snow and cold! Please be paying attention to the weather and to announcements from the City to inform you of our Winter Operations. The City uses the following avenues to let the public know about the status of Winter Operations.

Local New Media

[City Website](#)

[RSS Feed](#)

City Government Access Channels

LNKTV City (ALLO channel 2, Spectrum channel 1300, Kinetic channel 1005)
LNKTV Health (ALLO channel 3, Spectrum channel 1301, Kinetic channel 1010)

There are three types of parking bans that you should be aware of:

Snow Emergencies - Parking may be banned on both sides of Emergency snow routes, Arterial Streets and City Bus Routes.

Snow Removal Districts—Parking is banned on both sides of the street in designated districts. See the website for locations of these districts.

Residential Parking Ban—During residential bans this year, parking on odd-numbered sides of the street will be banned. Next year, in 2022, residential parking bans will not allow parking on even numbered sides of the street.

Sidewalks—City ordinance requires that property owners clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 am the day following the end of the snow storm.

Blowing/ Pushing Snow into the Street is prohibited!

Residents are encouraged to clear snow from fire hydrants.

Any further questions should be directed to the website for further clarification.

Follow The 9pm
Routine!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Snow Days!	1
Testing Dates	1
Rise of the Porch Pirates	2
Combating Fraud.....	3
New Face to NBW.....	3
Neighborhood Watch Signs.....	4

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- We are accepting applications from February 6th, 2021 to March 7th, 2021
- Check out our NEW look on our website! <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police>

RISE OF THE PORCH PIRATES!

With COVID-19 still present, we are all ordering in more and more. This means more packages coming to your door! As a lot of us are working from home, this would not be an issue, one would think. However, we have seen an uptick in incidents of package theft. Make sure you are doing some simple things to limit the chance you can have your packages taken by a Porch Pirate!

1. Check your front porch often.
2. Customize your delivery.
3. Have a secure area for deliveries.
4. If your employer will allow it, have packages delivered to work.
5. Temporarily suspend deliveries to your address if you will be out of town.

6. Monitor your front door with a video door bell system.
7. Watch for suspicious behavior in your neighborhood.

See the graph below for your area of town and the stats for the last two years.



No Porch Pirates



IF WE WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER, WE ALL WIN!

PACKAGE THEFTS CITY WIDE BY TEAM

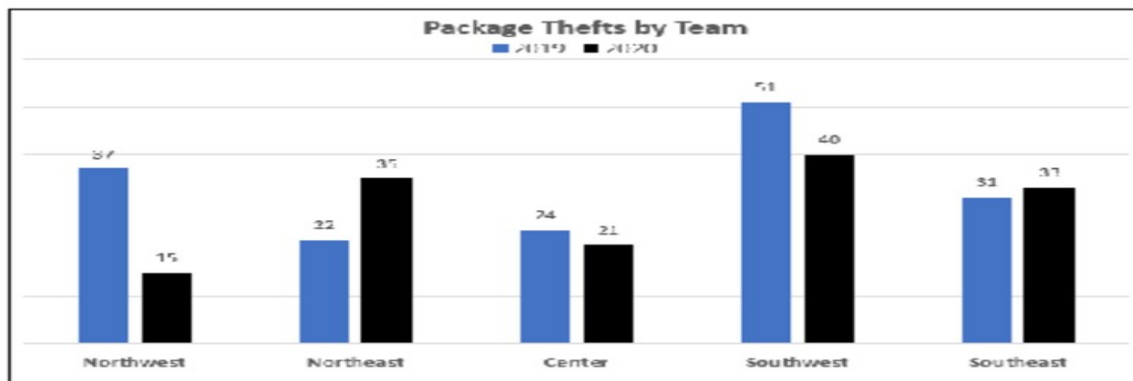


Lincoln Police Department
Crime Analysis & Intelligence Unit
575 S 10th St



DATE: January 29, 2021
SUBJECT: Package Thefts

The graph below shows the total number of package thefts team in 2019 and 2020. The five teams include Northwest, Northeast, Center, Southwest and Southeast.



PACKAGE THEFTS

- 2019 = 165 Total
- 2020 = 144 Total
 - 12.7% decrease in 2020 compared to 2019
 - Northwest saw a 59.5% decrease in 2020 compared to 2019

TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS

- 2019 = \$46,589
 - One incident in Aug 2019 accounted for \$5,200 of this loss (medication), which accounts for 11% of the total dollar loss.
 - One incident in Oct 2019 accounted for \$6,992 of this loss (scrap gold), which accounts for 15% of the total dollar loss.
- 2020 = \$71,708
 - One incident in Nov 2020 accounted for \$33,274 of this loss (medical supplies), which accounts for 46% of the total loss. The medical supplies were located.
 - One incident in April 2020 accounted for a \$10,000 loss (platinum diamond ring), which accounts for 14% of the total loss.

CLEARED CASES

- Total of 10 cleared package theft cases in 2020



TELEPHONE AND COMPUTER FRAUDS AND YOU!

We all know the story. You receive a phone call from someone offering too good of a deal and you only have to pay so much to get more money. Or, the person calls you with bad news and tells you paying a certain amount will make the problem go away. There are a number of styles the phone scammer will use, but these simple tips will help you decrease the chance of any loss of personal information or hard earned cash.

1. Don't answer unknown callers. If you do, make sure you give NO personal information to them.
2. Don't wire money unless it is absolutely necessary. Money wired cannot be returned.
3. Never reply to texts, emails or calls that are asking for your financial/personal information. This is called PHISHING.
4. If the caller wants you to give them money so that you can receive a cash prize, DON'T DO IT. This is a scam.
5. Hang up on Robo-calls.
6. Block calls that you do not know or recognize, especially if the numbers are from a location you do not know.
7. Check your bank and credit account status often. Credit card companies offer alerts for possible abuse.
8. Check your full credit report regularly.



Interested in becoming a Lincoln Police Officer? *Applications will be open from Saturday, February 6th to Sunday, March 7th, 2021 for the FALL 2021 Lincoln Police Department Academy.* We encourage anyone with an interest in being a law enforcement officer to apply and begin the process of becoming a Lincoln Police Officer.

Just go to <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Police> and click on "JOIN OUR TEAM".



A NEW FACE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!!



Hello to all my Neighborhood Watch members! I am Officer Jason Hellmuth #1334 and I am one of the Continuing Education/Community Service Officers with the Lincoln Police Department. I have been with the Lincoln Police Department for 21 years. I am no stranger to Neighborhood Watch as I was the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator from 2005 through 2007 during my first time assigned to the Education and Personnel Unit. I strongly believe in the effectiveness of the Neighborhood Watch Program and its goals.

COVID-19 made a serious dent in our ability to meet and discuss our concerns about our neighborhoods. I would encourage all of you to look for opportunities to meet with your neighbors in a safe manner, socially distanced and continue to be the concerned neighbors I know you are. Please look for up-coming opportunities to attend a Zoom Meetings hosted by the Lincoln Police Department in order to allow you to more easily voice your concerns about your neighborhoods and the issues you are facing in them.

Officer Jason Hellmuth #1334

Lincoln Police Department

Education and Personnel Unit

Continuing Education/Community Services Officer

575 S. 10th,

Lincoln, NE 68508

402-441-6514

lpd1334@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov

Lincoln Police Department Community Services Unit

575 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone: 402-441-6514 or
402-441-7261

Fax: 402-441-8492

Email: lpd1334@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov
lpd1550@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

Many of you probably have seen that we are phasing out the old style Neighborhood Watch Signs. The reflective black and white signs are cheaper and still communicate the message that the neighborhood they are posted in is watching! For those of you that see the old signs or have signs in your neighborhood that need replaced, please let us know in the Community Services Unit so that we can get new ones up. We coordinate with Public Works to get the signs posted, so please understand that more than likely any request will not result in the sign being posted the next day.



PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Look for the upcoming NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ZOOM meeting. Watch your emails for the link!! You can meet the Officers from the Community Services Unit and ask questions and find out about forming **NEW** Neighborhood Watch groups!