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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- We now have OPEN hiring!
- Check out our new recruiting website: <http://joinlpd.com/>

SNOW EMERGENCIES AND REMOVAL

It is that time of year....the time for snow. Here are a couple of tips as to what you need to do when a snow emergency is declared by the city.

1. If possible, move cars off of the street.
2. In a snow emergency, no parking is allowed on arterials, snow emergency routes and bus routes. Both sides may have parking restrictions.
3. Residential Parking Bans: This year, 2022, all parking will be prohibited on the EVEN address side of the street. This year, please park on the odd numbered side of the street.
4. Sidewalks need to be cleared by 9 AM the day following the snow storm. It is also suggested to clear around fire hydrants so to help Fire Department crews when they need to access them.
5. Blowing or plowing snow into the street is prohibited. Snow emergencies are in place until lifted by the city.

Following these simple tips will aid the snow removal process. Thank you for your help!

PACKAGE THEFTS AND PORCH PIRATES

The “Porch Pirates” are still at it! We saw an increase in thefts of packages in 2021 compared to 2020. In 2020, we had 143 package thefts for an estimated loss of \$71,570.00. In 2021, we saw 206 package thefts for an estimated loss of \$53,841.00. This year, 2022, we are currently at 21 package thefts between January 1st and January 21st for an estimated loss of \$2,518.00. We need to take a proactive stance in making sure we get what we ordered!



Here are some tips to ensure that your package makes it to YOU and only you!

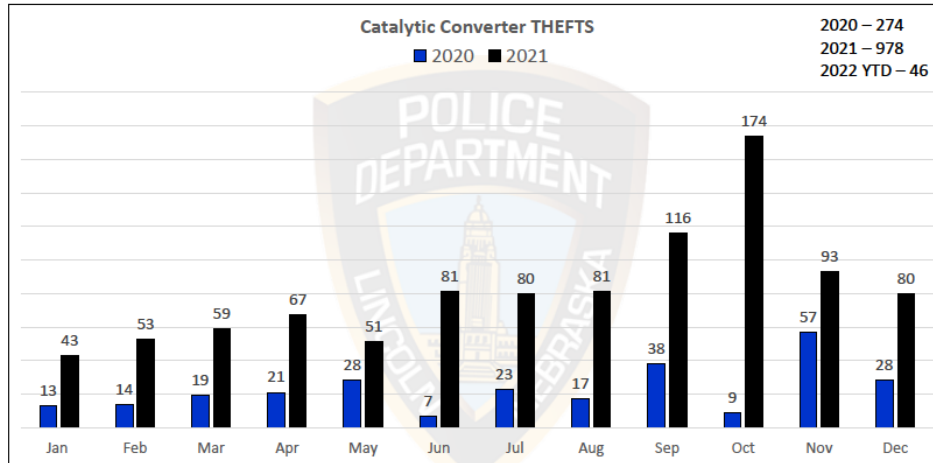
1. **Check your front porch often!**
2. **Track your package using the delivery service options so that you are home when it arrives.**
3. **Customize your delivery. Specify times and locations so items arrive in a manner that works for you.**
4. **Get a lock box for deliveries that can be secured on your porch.**
5. **If possible, have the packages delivered your place of work.**
6. **Monitor your front porch/door with a video doorbell system.**
7. **If out of town, suspend deliveries.**
8. **Watch for suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. Call police if something seems out of place.**
9. **Ask your neighbors to take in a package for you if they can.**
10. **Utilize secure delivery spaces (Amazon lockers, UPS secured delivery sites, etc.)**

If you can actively apply these tips, you will significantly decrease your chances of being a victim of package theft!

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

We saw a busy year of catalytic converter thefts. A new law was enacted to help the city combat catalytic converter thefts. This law requires that a permit be issued to recycle catalytic converters and other precious metals. Below is a comparison between 2020 and 2021 totals per month.

2021 Catalytic Converter Thefts – 978 Total



Salvage Permits:

- 61 issued in Nov-Dec 2021

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Here are some tips to help reduce your chances of being a victim of a catalytic converter theft.

- 1. Talk to your neighbors! Let them know you are concerned.**
- 2. Install motion lights or flood lights to your residence.**
- 3. Install cameras to activate when motion is detected.**
- 4. Install a car alarm that detects vibration.**
- 5. Regularly move your car if you utilize street parking.**
- 6. Park in well lit areas or monitored lots.**
- 7. Park in your own driveway or a closed garage.**
- 8. Engrave your VIN or name on the converter.**

This will make it harder to salvage with the new law!

- 9. Install an anti-theft device. (Steel shield that covers the catalytic converter)**
- 10. Know if you are a target. Monitor activity in your area and contact police with questions.**

Interested in becoming a Lincoln Police officer? 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".



NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH
COORDINATOR
CORNER



Hello Neighborhood Watch members!

I am Officer Jason Hellmuth #1334 and I am Coordinator of Lincoln's Neighborhood Watch program. The goal of Neighborhood Watch is to build community by encouraging interactions between neighbors! This not only creates a closer neighborhood but also can reduce crime as a result of a more watchful neighborhood. If anyone has questions about how they can start a NEW Neighborhood Watch Group, please let me know!

Questions? Contact me!

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We recently completed an audit of the Neighborhood Watch list. Many of you were contacted by an intern asking if you were still willing to be active as a coordinator. To those who said yes, THANK YOU! To those who said "No, thank you." THANK YOU for your time with the program!

I am in need of new coordinators for the following areas.

5600 block of South 73rd.

900 Block of Roberts Rd.

6400 block of Monticello

1600 block of North 58th Street.

If anyone has friends in those neighborhoods, please encourage them to become a Neighborhood Watch coordinator for their area. It takes very little time and you are a liaison between the police and your neighbors. Please spread the news and see if you can get those areas filled! Again, THANK YOU for the time and effort you give to the program.

Keep watching your emails for links for the City Wide Neighborhood Watch ZOOM Meetings. Usually, they fall on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm. You can meet officers from the Lincoln Police Department, ask questions, address concerns and find out about forming **NEW** Neighborhood Watch groups!