



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Bulletin

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Combat Crime with Vigilance

Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona – November 19, 2020 – Crimes have trends, and each has a pattern. What police notice after each case received are the striking similarities and preventive aids that if shared could help catch an intrusive suspect before their next act. However, if it's not shared, it helps no one.

In November of 2020, five notifications for residential and construction site burglaries were made on the Town's emergency alert and notification system called Alert Paradise Valley. Residents opt-in to receive timely emergency alerts and/or safety notifications on what is happening within the Town of Paradise Valley. Those interested are encouraged to sign up for the free service by visiting www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/alertpv



Officers encourage residents to call if there is ever a concern of crime. Don't be discouraged or feel the call is unwarranted. Chief of Police Peter Wingert says, "We are committed to your safety and providing high-quality services, but we still rely on the eyes and ears of the public to assist us." By sharing what is perceived to be a danger, we can identify circumstances that together can reduce crime.

Recent crime activity shows a series of non-violent property crimes where the suspect(s) is accessing unoccupied properties to commit burglaries. In September, our last compiled crime report indicated property crime for burglaries this year was at 16 incidents compared to the three-year average of 34.

Most suspects don't want confrontation. To be noticed is to be caught. For this reason, a suspect may canvass a house to ensure no one is home by pretending to solicit a service or park along a street to safely watch from a distance. If unusual or suspicious activity is observed in your neighborhood, please dial the non-emergency line at (480)948-7410 and always dial 9-1-1 for any other active emergency.

Consider having "eyes" on your property 24/7 with a security system. Whether you leave town for the holidays or are away for a quick visit, watching over your house with motion detection alerts that can be remotely monitored from surveillance cameras can provide an extra peace of mind to your household.

For incidents where a suspect has entered a house, setting an audible alarm can help reduce the amount of time a suspect has to commit a crime. Be sure to have motion sensors as part of your alarm system near the master bedroom and master bedroom bathroom closet. A suspect in a hurry tends to make more mistakes when he hasn't thought through everything in his act. This leads to more evidence.



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For more crime prevention tips, please reach out to Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee at smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov and discuss a Home Security Review provided within Paradise Valley.

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