# Community Newsletter

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# **Neighborhood Watch Survey**



The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is in the process of updating information on the Neighborhood Watch groups in the area. We are also seeking to find out if neighborhoods are interested in starting a program in their area and what type of involvement they would like to have.

The Sheriff's Office has developed an online survey to find out what kind of interest the community has in revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch program. The questionnaire is designed to capture the concerns, involvement and interest residents have in the

Neighborhood Watch Program.

Neighborhood Watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention and were created to encourage citizen involvement in preventing residential crime. The active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement reduces crime, helps to solve problems, and improves the quality of life in your community.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is striving to enhance services to the community we serve. Communication is the key. By understanding the concerns your community has and working together to solve those problems, we can make every neighborhood in Douglas County a safer place to live, play and work.

There can't be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community. By cooperating with each other and law enforcement, people can help fight crime in their community in the most effective way — before it begins! Neighborhood Watch members place stickers in their windows and post Neighborhood Watch signs on streets, warning criminals that they are in an active Neighborhood Watch Community, and that "neighbors are watching out for each other."

We are asking the community to go to our website at <a href="www.dcso.com">www.dcso.com</a> and complete the Neighborhood Watch survey form. The information shared will assist the Sheriff's Office in working with communities to help develop a Neighborhood Watch Program that fits their specific needs and will assist in opening the lines of communication between residents and law enforcement. The people who participate in this survey will also receive updates via email on crime statistics, upcoming Sheriff's Office events and crime prevention news. For more information about the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Andrea Zielinski at 440-4486.

# Before You Go on Vacation.....

Summer is here. That means school is out and it's vacation time. It's a time to explore new places, enjoy family and friends, and relax. The last thing you are usually thinking about while packing your bags is identity theft.

Unfortunately, criminals are always thinking of ways to steal your identity. Reported instances of vacation identity theft are rising steadily each year. Identity thieves love the summer months because you let your guard down, which means an open door for the criminal to gather the information needed to steal your identity.

Before your vacation leave all but one of your credit cards at home. One of the best things you can do before going on vacation is empty your wallet. People on vacation are generally more susceptible to pickpockets, and the less you have in your wallet the less there is that can be stolen. Choose only the card you are most likely to use, or the one with the highest limit, and leave everything else at home. Also, make sure you don't carry your social security number or any other unnecessary information with you.

**Pull out enough cash to get you through your trip.** Believe it or not, one of the safest ways to travel is with all cash or with cash and traveler's checks. Being out of town without much cash might put you in a position where you are tempted or forced to make a purchase on a machine that seems less than secure. Every time you swipe your card, your information is digitally captured and stored. The more machines with your information stored in them, the higher your chances are of becoming a victim of identity theft.

Inform your credit card company and bank of your trip. If you plan to use a credit or ATM card for at least part of your trip it's a good idea to alert your bank and credit card company. Tell them how long you will be gone and where you plan to travel to. Many banks and credit card companies offer to place extra monitoring on your account to help spot fraudulent purchases. If they know you will be in Montana and a purchase is made in North Carolina they can alert you right away. Remember, banks and credit card companies have a lot to lose when it comes to identity theft too. So asking for extra help is always worth a shot.

Have all of your mail picked up by a neighbor or put on hold at the post office. Since stolen mail is one of the greatest goldmines for identity thieves, they are generally on the lookout for telltale signs that people are out of town. Have someone pick up your newspaper—or have that put on hold too—and ask a neighbor to check on your house while you are gone. And make sure you ask whoever is picking up your mail (if you don't have it held at the post office) to pick it up daily. One missed day could spell disaster.

Pay all of your bills or schedule online payments. Not only will paying all of your bills early help ensure that you don't get hit with any delinquent payments it will also eliminate the chances of one of your bills falling into criminal hands. In the event that your neighbor takes too long to get your mail, or some of your mail is misplaced at the post office, you won't need to worry about missing payments or having thieves open new credit in your name.

If you plan to take your computer on vacation with you make sure your protection programs are updated. Take the time to update your anti-spyware and anti-virus programs before you leave. You'll be connecting to the Internet through connections that aren't necessarily secure, so you want to be as protected as possible.

# While on Vacation.....

When you're actually on vacation, it's easy to let your guard down. Don't do it. Use these suggestions to keep your identity safe.

Only use ATM machines stationed at actual banks. While traveling it can be tempting to grab cash from whatever machine is closest, but that isn't always safe. Before leaving for your trip, check your bank's website (or the website of another reputable bank if yours doesn't have a branch where you are traveling) and print out maps from your hotel to several branches. This way, if you are in a pinch you will know how to get money quickly. Although bank ATMs are generally safer, that doesn't mean they are perfectly safe. So remain on the lookout for anything suspicious or abnormal.

**Always remain aware of your surroundings**. You never know when the person standing over your shoulder is an identity thief. The increased number of cell phones with cameras also increases your risk because it makes it easy for criminals capture credit card or debit card information.

**Don't leave any personal information in the glove box.** Whether you are renting a car at your destination or going on a road trip, don't leave any personally identifying information in your glove box. If you're hitting the beach or heading into an amusement park and you don't want to carry your wallet, don't put it in the glove box. Instead, leave it back in a safe in your hotel room. If your hotel doesn't offer in room safes, then keeping your information on your person (perhaps in a body pack that can be worn underneath clothing) is a lot safer than leaving it in your car. If a thieve breaks into your car and steals it, or even just attempts to steal items inside, you don't want your personal information to be at risk.

If you leave anything in your hotel room lock it in an in room safe. Now that Transportation Security Administration has ensured that the days of locking your suitcases is long gone, the only option for locking away information in a hotel room is via an in room safe. Although not all hotels offer them, more and more are making it an option. No matter how nice your hotel is, or how many stars it has in its rating, leaving personal information casually lying around in your hotel room is never a good idea. Hotel staff normally undergoes background checks to make sure they don't have criminal backgrounds, but identity fraud is becoming a more popular crime. It would be possible for someone with access to your room to come and steal your personal information without you ever knowing it. A person wouldn't have to actually take your passport, credit card or driver's license. All he or she would need is the numbers. If you are traveling with a laptop make sure you never leave it lying around your hotel room—especially if it has sensitive information on it. Keep that in an in room safe or on your person at all times.

Never access personal information (bank or credit accounts, etc...) from public computers. Internet cafes and hotel business centers may provide an added measure of convenience when it comes to checking your email on the go, but they usually employ the use of servers that aren't encrypted so never access any sensitive information from a public computer as thieves can hack your information and retrace your steps right into your bank account. The same rule applies to using your own laptop at wireless hotspots. Those servers generally aren't encrypted either so avoid using them for transmitting or accessing anything you wouldn't want available to the public.

Going on vacation shouldn't be an extra cause of stress. Instead it should be a worry free and relaxing time. By following the steps outlined here, you can help ensure that your vacation is all you dreamed it would be and that your life—and your identity—are still waiting for you when you get home.

## Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between June 1 –30, 2009 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

#### **Burglaries**

23000 block N. Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
400 block Hayhurst Rd, Yoncalla
100 block Condor Ln, Oakland
200 block Wild Fern Dr, Roseburg
100 block Kristen Ct, Roseburg
600 block Plateau Dr, Roseburg
800 block Plateau Dr, Roseburg
5700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
2700 block Hwy 99 S, Roseburg
8900 block Hwy 99 S, Roseburg
1100 block Umpqua College Rd, Winchester
300 Dairy Loop Rd, Lookingglass
100 block Stevenson Ln, Green
900 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek
100 block N Pacific Hwy Myrtle Creek

**Thefts** 

57000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Diamond Lk 2800 block Whistlers Park Rd, Glide 1200 block Rock Creek Rd, Idleyld Park 23000 block N Umpqua Hwy Idleyld Park 800 block John Long Rd, Oakland 2700 block Territorial Hwy, Curtain 3100 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg 3300 bloc Broad St, Roseburg 4700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg 4700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg 4700 block Cherokee Ave, Roseburg 5700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg 1100 Umpqua College Rd, Winchester 300 block Apricot Ln, Green 500 block Bremner Ln. Winston

6800 block Dole Rd, Myrtle Creek
300 block Winston Section Rd, Winston
200 block Ingram Dr, Green
2000 Castle St, Green
5100 block Hwy 99 S, Green
100 block Autumn Ave, Green
9800 block Coos Bay Wagon Rd, Tenmile
600 block Stagecoach Rd, Canyonville
4400 block Glenbrook Loop Rd, Riddle
300 block S Main St, Canyonville
700 block Stagecoach Rd, Canyonville
100 block N Main St, Canyonville
100 block R St, Riddle
500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek

## **Thefts from Motor Vehicle**

32000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
300 block N First St, Drain
3000 block Monterey Dr, Roseburg
2100 block Frear St, Roseburg
3600 block Hooker Rd, Roseburg
500 block Housley St, Roseburg
5800 block Hwy 99 N, Roseburg
400 block Edgewater Dr, Sutherlin
13000 block Hwy 99 N, Sutherlin
2400 block Landers Ln, Green
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## **Criminal Mischief**

76000 block N Umpqua Hwy, Diamond Lk 3600 block Cavitt Creek Rd, Glide 6900 block Little River Rd, Glide 2700 block Hwy 38, Drain 700 block North View Dr, Roseburg 4800 block NW Stephens St, Roseburg 100 block General Ave, Roseburg 700 block Newton Creek Rd, Roseburg 100 block Saddle Butte Ln, Roseburg 500 block Quail Ln, Garden Valley 100 block San Souci Dr, Melrose 200 block Oakview Dr, Garden Valley 90 block Pioneer Way, Winchester 400 block Edgewater Dr, Sutherlin 400 block Brozio Rd, Del Rio 300 block South Savoy Ct, Green 300 block Apricot Ln, Green 8500 block Hwy 99 S, Green 900 block Rolling Hills Rd, Green 500 block E Second Ave, Riddle 200 block First Ave, Riddle 300 block E First Ave, Riddle 500 block E First Ave, Riddle 400 block Taylor St, Myrtle Creek 500 block Chadwick Ln, Myrtle Creek Azalea Glen Rd / Sether Ave, Glendale Pacific Ave / S Third St. Glendale

## **Drug Offense**

S Fifth St / Winchester Ave, Reedsport
100 block Sixteenth St, Reedsport
300 block S Main St, Yoncalla
100 block Bear Creek Rd, Curtin
400 block Longview Dr, Elkton
1000 block Lower Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
1000 block Lower Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
Burdette Dr / Hermosa Way, Green
200 block Ingram Dr, Green
400 block S Main St, Canyonville
2900 block Canyonville Riddle Rd, Riddle
300 block Junction Rd, Glendale

10000 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale

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