

# **STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER**

Coming into the warmer weather it is very possible that criminals are coming out of hiding as well. I want to give you some safety tips that can help prevent you from being a victim of a crime.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

- Always be observant when you are out in a public area. Someone could be watching you and may be targeting you. Criminals usually shy away from targets that are aware of what's going on.
- Criminals tend to watch women at gyms and other places that they normally leave their purses in the vehicle. Just because you cover it up with a blanket, jacket, or other clothes doesn't mean someone isn't watching you do it. If you're going to the gym just bring your driver's license and membership card and leave the rest at home.
- Roll up your windows and lock your car doors at all times. Crime is all about opportunity. If you provide the criminal with an opportunity to steal something they will do so. **DO NOT** leave valuables in a vehicle especially in plain view.

## **AT HOME**

- Even when you are at home keep your door locked and garage door shut. By leaving your front door open a burglar can enter your house and burglarize you while you are relaxing by your pool. If you leave your garage door open a burglar can see what you have to steal in there and take it then or another time when he knows you are not home.
- Criminals will also work in pairs during the summer months. One will distract you while the other goes inside your house and steals from you. An example of this would be someone coming to your house to offer an estimate on some type of home repair. They will bring you around back to look at the damage while their partner takes your computer.
- If you see someone suspicious a simple "hello" to them could scare them off. Criminals do not like to be noticed and if they are they tend to leave the area.

If at anytime you see a suspicious person please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. You are helping your neighborhood fight crime by being alert and helping the Police by being an extra set of eyes. Enjoy the weather!