



Police Department

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This year has been filled with many unique challenges. We hope that everyone is trying to make time to “breathe” after a whirlwind spring, although we realize there are still many challenges moving forward. Summer has finally come and while we enjoy the warmer weather, crime rates also tend to go up in the summer months. In fact, according to the FBI, burglary increases about 10 percent when the weather is warm, and July and August have the most crime overall. In this edition, I would like to highlight some of the safety tips to secure your homes during the warmer season.

- The 9PM routine has become a popular and simple way for folks to protect their home and property. Every night at 9PM, we encourage the community to lock up doors, garages, and cars, turn on lights, and bring in valuables. Many residential and vehicle burglaries occur when the property is left unlocked. Using a series of reminders about the nightly routine on our social media platforms, citizens can be reminded to protect their property and have a positive impact on crime in the neighborhoods.
- Our Senior Volunteers also conduct year-round Vacation Checks by keeping an eye on your home while you are out of town. Our Senior Volunteers patrol around your home, perform exterior security inspections, and will call for assistance if they encounter any suspicious activity or signs of break-in. The Vacation Check services are free of charge. For more details, visit our website at: <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/services/you-are-not-alone-vacation-checks>.
- Lastly, the Neighborhood Watch program is a great way to get to know your neighbors, share community concerns, and get crime prevention and safety tips directly from the Chula Vista Police Department. The attached Neighborhood Watch Program flier discusses these apps in more detail. I also invite you to the CVPD website under the “Open Data Initiative” to take a look at the various types of useful data offered to the public: <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/about-us/open-data-initiative>

Please let us know if there are specific public safety issues you would like us to evaluate in the future, or specific topics about which you would like more information. You can share your thoughts by contacting our Community Outreach team at (619) 691-5187 or by visiting our website at <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department/contact-us>.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

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