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Department of Public Safety

Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary
December 18th-31st, 2011

COMMUNITY EVENTS/INFORMATION

Home Invasion Prevention Tips:

Burglary is a crime of opportunity. Make the burglar's work risky and difficult, and you stand a good chance of stopping them before they get in. If suspicious persons or vehicles are seen around homes please call 9-1-1.

Your first line of defense: To a burglar visibility means vulnerability. They hide behind fences and shrubbery. The key is to keep trespassers out while keeping your property visible. Use picket or chain link fences. Keep hedges clipped down around waist level. Motion detectors for lights in poorly lit areas help as well as timers when on vacation.

On the outside looking in: Burglars try the doors and windows first. If burglars have difficulty there, chances are they will move on to another property. After installing an alarm, let burglars know by putting warning signs in windows and entrances.

Doors: Locks- The strongest are deadbolt locks with a minimum of "1" throw bolt containing a hardened, saw-resistant steel insert. Attach the strike plate to the door frame with 4" screws. The double cylinder deadbolt lock requires a key from both sides, preventing a burglar from breaking the glass in the door and turning the knob from the inside. Make sure the cylinder of the lock has a steel guard – a ring around the key section. The cylinder guard should be tapered, or it should rotate around the key section to prevent wrenching.

Remember though, a double-cylinder deadbolt can also block your exit in an emergency. Check with your local law enforcement agency or building inspector to see if these locks are permitted in your area.

Hinges: Doors that swing out have hinges on the outside. A burglar can easily remove the hinge pins and lift the door out. To foil this, remove the center screw from each side of the hinge and insert a metal pin or headless screw on one side. When the door is closed, the end of the pin will fit into the opposite hole. Thus even if the pins are removed; the door will remain bolted to the frame.

Windows: Always close your windows when leaving; use additional locks to secure sliding doors.

Remember, locks and alarms can't prevent a burglary unless they're in use. Establish a routine for "leaving home," locking doors and windows, and set alarm.
(National Crime Prevention Council, www.ncpc.org)

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WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Calls for Service year to date: 2,580

Fireplace and Home Fire Safety

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility. Fire Stops with You! The Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) provides additional tips and resources on fire place safety, click on the logo to access their website.



WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service for the Dec. 18th-31st, 2011: 439

Total Calls for Service year to date: 13,802

Significant Criminal Events:

Robbery-Armed Report #11-13502

On December 21, 2011, at 10:14pm, Pittsfield Police responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Burger King restaurant the 6100 Block of W. Michigan Ave. Employees reported that a lone suspect entered the restaurant and, after jumping over the counter, produced a black handgun. The suspect pointed the handgun at a cashier, a 21 year old male, and demanded money. The cashier opened a register and handed over an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect then fled on foot. A K-9 unit from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department responded to assist. The suspect was not located and may have entered a vehicle nearby. No injuries occurred during the incident. There were no injuries and an arrest was not made.

SUSPECT(S): Described as a w/m, 5'6" to 5'7", slim build, wearing a gray jacket, green pants and black shoes. The suspect was also wearing a black ski mask.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: To be conducted by the Pittsfield Twp. Police Detective Bureau.

Dog Attack Report #11-13688

On December 27, 2011, at 3:50pm Pittsfield Police and Fire Departments responded to the 3700 Block of Maple Dr. for a report of a 45 year old female Pittsfield Twp. resident who was injured from a dog mauling. The victim was walking her two small dogs past a residence when two dogs, described as American Bulldogs, got loose from the fenced backyard of the residence and began attacking the woman. The loose dogs also attacked the victims' two dogs and they both died as a result of their injuries. Both dogs that got loose were taken to the Huron Valley Humane Society, where they were kept pending euthanization. The victim was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for serious, but non-life threatening injuries. A Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Animal Control Officer assisted with the investigation. Police are submitting an investigation to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office for review of possible charges against the owner of the American Bulldogs.

INJURIES: Serious injuries resulting from a dog mauling.

SUSPECT(S): A 51 year old male Pittsfield Twp. resident.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: To be conducted by the Pittsfield Twp. Detective Bureau.

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Crime Map for the week December 18th-31st, 2011:

