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### Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>, '16

**Crime Map for the Week February 28<sup>th</sup>– March 5<sup>th</sup>, '16**  
[\(Click the image below for details\)](#)



#### **March 13, 2016, 2am, 1 hour forward - Change your clocks / change your smoke detector batteries:**

According to the NFPA, having working [smoke alarms](#) reduces the risk of dying in a fire in half. On average, three out of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (38 percent) or no working smoke alarms (21 percent).

“Working smoke alarms can make the difference between life and death in a home fire,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “That’s why it’s so important to make sure they’re working properly. We applaud Domino’s for their efforts to remind the public about replacing the batteries in their smoke alarms, and helping to ensure that they’re adequately protected in the event of a home fire.”

- Stay safe with these tips from the NFPA
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms that don’t have non-replaceable (long-life) batteries, replace the batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.
- Be sure the smoke alarm includes the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Develop a home escape plan with all members of your household and practice it regularly, at least twice a year.



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## Federal Trade Commission: Stopping Robo Calls

**“Ain’t no sunshine when they call “By: Lesley Fair | Mar 10, 2016**

On TV, they’re called crossover episodes – where fictional characters from different shows appear on the same program. [A case just filed by the FTC against KFJ Marketing and related parties](#) brings together two aspects of FTC law enforcement – illegal robocalls and questionable lead generation practices – “co-starring” in the same production.

It started with prerecorded calls to consumers telling them that “This is an urgent call about your energy bill” and “Stop the 14% increase coming soon.” Consumers were told to “push 1” to lower their electric bill. If they responded, they were connected to a telemarketer, who asked about their interest in solar panels.

If the consumer said yes, the telemarketer scheduled an appointment with a private solar installation company and sold the consumer’s information to that company as a customer lead.

How does the FTC allege the defendants’ course of conduct violates the Telemarketing Sales Rule? Let us count the ways.

**First**, the [complaint](#) charges that the defendants placed calls – 1.3 million of them – to numbers on the Do Not Call Registry.

**Second**, the FTC says the defendants violated the entity-specific provisions of Do Not Call. In other words, they continued to call consumers who had said “Enough already!” and had already told them they didn’t want to get further calls from (or on behalf of) that company.

**Third**, the defendants are charged with spoofing their caller ID information – transmitting phony information so consumers couldn’t tell the true source of the call.

**Fourth**, the FTC alleges the defendants made (or caused others to make) illegal robocalls. As the TSR establishes, it’s illegal to place prerecorded sales call to people unless you have their express agreement in writing authorizing you to robocall them.

The [complaint](#) names KFJ Marketing, Sunlight Solar Leads, LLC, Go Green Education, and Francisco Salvat. The case is pending in federal court in California.

**Wondering to do when you get annoying (and illegal) robocalls? Here’s a new FTC video with some tips. To file a complaint, send to: [complaints.donotcall.gov](https://complaints.donotcall.gov) or call 1 888-382-1222**

**[Click the image below for the FTC Video “Hate Scam Robocalls, the FTC does too”](#)**



## **WEEKLY FIRE SUMMARY**

**Total Calls for Service 2016: 484**

**Fire Incident: Vehicle Fire  
Complaint #16-470**

On March 4, 2016, at 7:52 a.m., Pittsfield Township fire personnel responded to WB I-94 and NB US-23 for a vehicle fire.

## **WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY**

**Significant Police Events:**

**Total Calls for Service for the Week: 299**

**Total Calls for Service 2016: 2,637**

**Police Incident: Home Invasion  
Complaint #16-2456**

On March 1, 2016, at 3:16 p.m., Pittsfield Township Police responded to the 2300 block of Carpenter Rd. for a reported Home Invasion. Two suspects were seen using a pry bar to smash the sliding glass door and enter the unit. A backpack and cash was reported stolen.

**The above named incidents remain under investigation. If anyone has any information about or has been a witness to any of these crimes, please contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911 or the confidential tip line at 734-822 4959. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Pittsfield Township alerts and department notices through "Notify Me". Please go to [www.pittsfield-mi.gov](http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov) to sign up.**