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Weekly Public Safety Activity Summary
November 18th - 24th, 2012

Crime Map for the week of November 18th - 24th, 2012



COMMUNITY EVENTS – INFORMATION

How to Deal with Phishing Scams: Text message from your bank “account deactivated”

A local credit union in Pittsfield Township has reported that members have been the victim of a text message scam saying their debit / ATM card has been deactivated and they need to call a “734” number which is not connected with the credit union. Delete email and text messages that ask you to confirm or provide personal information (credit cards, bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, etc.). Legitimate companies **don't ask** for this information via email or text. Area codes can mislead, too. Some scammers ask you to call a phone number to update your account or access a "refund." A local area code doesn't guarantee that the caller is local.

If you're concerned about your account or need to reach an organization you do business with, call the number on your financial statements or on the back of your credit card. For more information on how to avoid these scams click on the image below.



Holiday Shopping Online: Tips to prevent package theft

This year consumers will spend a record amount online making purchases for the holidays. Packages left on porches visible from the roadway create a perfect “crime of opportunity”. When placing orders online arrange to have them delivered when you will be home. If not have your delivery services leave a tag saying when/where the items can be picked up instead of being left unattended or ask neighbors to hold on to your deliveries. UPS and FedEx have provided information on their services and what to do if your package is missing. Click on the images below for details from the companies.



BEWARE OF SPAM!

BOGUS E-MAILS SENT TO POSTAL CUSTOMERS

These e-mails claim to be from the U.S. Postal Service and contain fraudulent information about an intercepted package being delivered or online postage charges. You are instructed to click on a link, open the attachment, or print the label, but Postal Inspectors warn: Don't do it! The email has a virus that will access your personal information from your computer. Click on the image below for more details from the Postal Inspector.

**WAS YOUR PACKAGE
RETURNED ?**

Criminals use various
come-ons to trick you into
what Postal Inspectors call
"reshipping fraud."



WEEKLY FIRE REPORT

Total Call for Service – Year To Date: 2,370

Chimney and Fireplace Inspections:

The Chimney Safety Institute of America provides an overview of why it is important to have your chimney inspected and the three levels of inspections. Click on the image below for the chimney inspection process and certified inspectors in our area.



WEEKLY CRIME SUMMARY

Total Calls for Service for the week: **243**

Total Calls for Service year to date: **13,139**

Significant Police Events:

Type of Incident: Attempted Home Invasion

Complaint # 120012960

On November 19th 2012, Pittsfield Township police responded to the 4400 Block of Hunt Club Drive at 11:40pm where a resident reported that two subjects wearing masks attempted to break-in the patio door. Both subjects fled from the area when they were seen. Entry was not gained.

Type of Incident: Home Invasion

Complaint# 120013023

On November 21st 2012, Pittsfield Township police responded to the 2100 Block of East Ellsworth Road at 6:30pm to a Home invasion. The front door was kicked in and a Gateway laptop computer and a video camera were stolen. No other items were reported missing at the time.

The above named incidents remain under investigation. Anyone who witnessed either of these incidents is asked to contact the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety at 734-822-4911 or the confidential tip line at 734- 822-4958.