

Neighborhood Watch Crime Bulletin #66 To All Our Neighborhood Watch Personnel:

Our Latest and Greatest Crime Bulletin



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH **CRIME ALERT!**

Last night we had a series of malicious destructions of lawn ornaments at the mailbox cluster on Shore Lane. Pottery, ceramic pottery and lawn ornaments were smashed. In addition to this, a home owner's fence was vandalized on Boatswain Lane. Finally, lawn ornaments were smashed in the Newport area. My experience leads me to believe it may be youthful offenders that may be mobile.

These offenders may try other locations in Ocean Pines, so please be vigilant, and report suspicious activity. We are working very hard to solve these crimes.

- **Traffic Accident/Car Fire:**

An Ocean Pines Police Officer observed a single vehicle accident in which the vehicle vaulted, overturned and caught fire. The victim was trapped in the vehicle, and the Officer utilized his vehicle fire extinguisher to put out the fire. After smashing out a car window, the Officer determined that he should wait for members of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department to extract the victim, who was then transported to Atlantic General Hospital.

- **Suspected Drug Dealer Arrested:**

While on patrol at a local park, an Officer observed suspicious activities which lead to the arrest of a man with a large amount of suspected Marijuana.

- **Burglary/Assault Arrest:**

An estranged man broke into the residence of a former girlfriend, assaulting two victims inside the residence, before being arrested by police.

- **Heroin Possession Arrest:**

As the result of a traffic stop, a 21 year old female was arrested for possession of heroin. A small child was located in the vehicle, which necessitated contact with the Department of Social Services.

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- **Driveway Scam:**

A resident was scammed out of \$1,100 by a bogus driveway asphalt company. The resident paid money **before** any work was done, and it turns out the so-called company had been scamming local areas as far north as Wilmington, Delaware. This once again points out the fact that residents should always utilize established local companies, and never pay BEFORE works gets done.

- **Thefts from Unlocked Autos:**

Since our last Bulletin, we have had two unlocked vehicles entered, and property stolen from the vehicles. Thieves avoid locked vehicles, so always lock your vehicle and residence when you leave. This is crime prevention 101.

- **4th of July Fireworks Display:**

Six additional Ocean Pines Police Officers assisted members of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office with traffic control at our annual 4th of July fireworks display.

- **Speeding Complaints:**

The department receives numerous complaints of speeding vehicles in our neighborhoods, especially during the summer months, when children are out of school. This necessitates special enforcement details, including radar enforcement and deployment of our Radar Speed Display Board. Side streets are normally **25 miles per hour**, with our Parkway **35 miles per hour**. Please obey posted speed limits and look out for children and pedestrians and bikes.

- **Officer Graduation at Police Academy:**

Filling a current Officer vacancy, we are happy to announce the graduation of Officer **Jason Burns** from our local police academy. Jason made phenomenal improvement in his physical fitness, while at the academy. Great Job, Jason!

Take a bite out of crime. Join Neighborhood Watch

Chief David C. Massey, Ed.D.

Ocean Pines Police Department