



Crime Prevention Tips Personal Safety

District Six has been experiencing a rise in carjacking throughout the district. In the past week we have been experiencing crime where a smaller SUV full of young juveniles, armed with a gun, are following unsuspecting victims home or walking to or from their vehicles and demanding the vehicle at gun point.

Here are some tips, especially with holiday shopping right around the corner:

- Be aware of your surroundings. What is the landscape around you? Are you in a well-traveled area, or on a sparsely populated street, hidden from view? Are those around you walking with purpose, or are they just “hanging around”, watching others? Trust your gut feelings. If you feel something’s not right, it probably isn’t right.
- Keep in well populated areas. Don’t consider walking through an alley to save a block of walking. The exercise will do you good, and who knows who, or what, is in that alley?
- Do not keep your eyes and nose in your smart phone. When you are on your smart phone either sitting in your car or walking down the street, PLEASE make it a point to look up and know who and what’s around you.
- Walk with purpose. Look confident. Know where you’re going, and if you get lost, make it look like you know where you are. Confidence is power. Make sure everyone around you knows that you’re aware of them and aware of your surroundings. If you’re not easily surprised, you’ve won “half the battle” already.
- If you’re being followed, or see a person or group ahead you want to avoid, make changes in your path. Cross the street (and walk on the other side), walk in another direction, or duck into a well populated place (a busy store, restaurant etc – someplace you may easily lose yourself in, and leave sight of the other person or group). Quicken your pace.
- In social situations (in public), or when otherwise distracted (at the ATM, pumping gas into your vehicle, etc), work on keeping an eye on your surroundings. Don’t become so immersed in your activity that you loose touch with your surroundings.
- Know your neighborhood. Identify “safe havens” (places with people that are well lighted) you can go to if you feel threatened.