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FLAGSTAFF HILL

NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH AREA 453

NEXT MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday,
19th February 2020

Flagstaff Hill Community
Club, Coromandel Parade

GUEST SPEAKER

Geoff Eaton
Councillor, Onkaparinga Council

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Netley Police Station
242 Marion Rd, Netley SA

Christies Beach Police Station
94 Dyson Rd, Christies Downs

Police Attendance: Ph 131 444

DIAL 000 to report a
crime in progress
or has just been committed

Police warn of number plate theft

A spike in the reported theft of vehicle number plates in Adelaide's south has prompted a community warning from police.

Unfortunately number plates are generally stolen to further additional crimes such as petrol theft.

However this crime, which can cause great inconvenience to the victim, can be easily prevented through the use of tamper proof screws.

Detective Chief Inspector Scott Fitzgerald, from Southern Districts CIB, said police had closely examined theft reports in Adelaide's south and found about 150 number plates had been reportedly stolen in the last four months.

"These thefts have occurred across a wide range of suburbs since 1 July, but we know that some areas have been hot spots for this type of crime.

"In particular we experienced a series of thefts from Camden Park, Kurralta Park, Plympton, Morphett Vale and Woodcroft."

He said as a result police are urging motor vehicle owners to consider using Plate Safe

screws to attach their number plates and to contact police if they notice anyone acting suspiciously around parked motor vehicles.

"Plate safe screws are a one-way, anti-theft screw which can be fitted with a standard flat bladed screwdriver," he said.

"They are a simple way of preventing this type of theft, although police would also recommend that you park your car in a well-lit spot, or off the street in a garage or carport where possible.

"If you notice anyone acting in a suspicious manner around parked vehicles in your neighbourhood, call police immediately on 131 444 – prompt reporting can assist police in locating offenders and preventing further crimes occurring.

The RAA offers members free, tamper-resistant screws – and a referral to a repairer to fit them free of charge. For more details: <https://www.raa.com.au/motor/safety-and-advice/car-advice>

The Neighbourhood Watch Shop offers Plate Safe security screws on it's website: <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchshop.com.au/>

CAN YOU HELP?

We have recently had volunteers leave our area and others *can no longer assist us due to ill health* and thus need replacements.

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BEING PREPARED FOR A DISASTER: Planning

It is important that you know what to do in the event of disaster. A disaster may be a natural event, such as a fire or earthquake or may be man-made, such as a terrorism incident.

How quickly you are able to recover from such an event may depend on your planning and preparation.

Plan in advance what you and your family will do in a disaster situation. Develop an emergency preparedness plan and ensure all family members are aware.

Consider the following emergency preparedness tips.

Establish a meeting place:

Having predetermined meeting places away from your home will save time and avoid confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated.

Have two emergency locations in opposite directions. You won't know until an actual emergency, which direction you will need to evacuate to.

You may want to make arrangements to stay with a family member or friend in case of an emergency.

Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters and some hotels will not accept them.

Ask someone to be your key contact:

Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. Plan how you will contact each other and review what you will do in different situations.

Consider a plan where each family member calls/emails the same family member or friend in the event of a disaster.

Consider using a person who resides out of town/state who may be in a better position to communicate and coordinate.

Ensure children have a list of phone numbers/emails in their school diaries. If the telephones are not working, please be patient and try again. Emails may still work when telephones do not.

Become familiar with school, work, day care and community emergency plans:

When planning ensure you think about the places where your family spends time.

Ensure you talk with your employer and children's school about their emergency plans. Know how they will communicate with you during an emergency.

Preparing a Disaster Emergency Kit

Be prepared to survive on your own for at least three days. Consider preparing two kits - one to stay where you are and one smaller, lightweight version to take with you if you have to leave.

Consider the following items:

- Water (four litres per person per day) for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Clothing suitable for your climate.
- Sleeping bags - one for each family member.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit including necessary medication.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Filter mask (available from hardware stores), a cotton t-shirt or towel to help filter the air.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Duct tape and heavy weight garbage bags or plastic sheeting to seal windows and doors to create a barrier between yourself and potential contaminants outside.
- Family documents: passports, birth certificates, driver's licence, health care and bank details.
- Cash, as ATMs may not be working.

Keep a portable battery-operated radio: Listen to the radio and watch television for official instructions as they become available.

Be prepared to survive without electricity, phone, fuel pumps and ATMs: If the disaster occurs near your home while you are there, check for damage to utilities using a flashlight. Do not light matches, candles or turn on electrical switches.

Check for fires, fire hazards and other household hazards. Smell for gas leaks, starting at the water heater.

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows and ensure everyone leaves the area immediately.

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FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill.

Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Erect fences, gates and warning notices to identify your property boundaries.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Store flammable fuels, fertilisers and chemicals in a secure area.
- Be aware of any restrictions when using incinerators, BBQs, welding or cutting equipment or farm machinery during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:



- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number & property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

If you see anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444.

If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

South Australia Police supports victims of domestic violence and attends domestic violence situations. We give the highest priority to the protection and ongoing safety of victims and their children.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviour by one person against another:

- in a couple relationship such as marriage or dating
- within a family across generations. Domestic violence includes:
 - physical violence
 - sexual violence
 - emotional abuse
 - verbal abuse
 - property damage
 - financial abuse
 - threats to harm
 - stalking.

Domestic violence is damaging to victims, their children, family and friends.

Where possible we try to hold the person responsible for the violence accountable for their actions.

Help and Support at Domestic Violence Situations

Police assistance

Call Triple Zero (000) if the situation is an emergency or 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance.

Seek advice about your options by contacting the Southern District Family Violence Investigation Section on 8392 9172.

Counselling & emergency accommodation is available from the Domestic Violence and Aboriginal Family Violence Gateway on 1800 800 098.

Contact the National Sexual Assault Family and Domestic Violence Counselling Service on 1800 RESPECT.

Further information is available on the 1800RESPECT website.

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Date	Location	Details
04/11/19	Dumphries St	Property stole from residential premises.
28/12/19	Fairlie Dr	Property stolen from vehicle (possibly unlocked).
28/11/19	Ridgway Dr	Door frame damaged, entry gained. Items stolen.
06/01/20	Park Lane	Property stolen from under carport.

Theft

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- 28/12/19 Fairlie Dr Property stolen from vehicle (possibly unlocked).

Trespass/Break-In

- 28/11/19 Ridgway Dr Door frame damaged, entry gained. Items stolen.
- 06/01/20 Park Lane Property stolen from under carport.

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