

COMMUNITY NEWS

Provided by: Tucker Crime Prevention Unit of the DeKalb Police Department

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND NEWS

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JULY 3, 2007- COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

A presentation entitled: **DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT- ROAD TO SUCCESS, AN ACTION PLAN** will be delivered by Chief Bolton at the County Commissioner's work session.

DATE: Tuesday, July 3rd

LOCATION: Maloof Auditorium -1300 Commerce Dr. Decatur, Ga. 30030

TIME: 9:00A-?

Because this is a work session, there will be no public forum. However, if you are interested in hearing what this action plan proposes and/or you would like to show your support for Chief Bolton, please try to attend this important meeting.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

Mark your calendars for this annual event, scheduled for **Tuesday, August 7th**. This is a great opportunity to host a social event for your community, to interact with police personnel, and most importantly---IT'S FUN!!! If you are planning to celebrate NNO this year, please call me @ 6.937.5339, as soon as possible, and provide me with the details, so that I can include your community on my list. I will need the **time of your activity, where it will be held, and what type of activity you are planning.**

Details regarding Target's corporate sponsorship participation this year are not known at this writing.

TUCKER PRECINCT'S MEET THE CHIEF

Tucker Precinct's "Meet the Chief" meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 25th from 9A-12P @ Tucker Precinct, 4451 Lawrenceville Highway. More details to follow in future correspondence.

ARRESTS

On June 19th, four juveniles aged 14, 14, 15, and 16 were arrested for burglary thanks to an involved neighbor who called 911 to report a burglary in progress. Although the suspects were not apprehended at the burglary site, the witness provided an excellent description of the suspects, who were spotted by patrol officers, walking through the wood line of an adjacent apartment complex, located on Central Dr. in the Stone Mountain area. The suspects were apprehended by Tucker Precinct patrol officers, who detained the suspects for a "show up". All 4 suspects were positively identified by the witness. The suspects admitted to the burglary and took Tucker CID Detectives to a residence (not the apartment complex mentioned above) where detectives recovered: 1 laptop computer, 1 desktop computer, 2 video recorders, and approximately \$5,000.00 in cash! These recovered items were from several additional burglaries committed by this juvenile burglary crew.

The neighbor, who made the call, which ultimately led to the arrests of these 4 juveniles, resides in a Neighborhood Watch community and he responded, in a manner that led to arrests and property recovered. Don't hesitate to call 911 when you see suspicious persons, vehicles, or behavior.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS!!!!!!!!

The very next day, June 20th, an alert citizen, witnessed a purse snatch. The witness followed 1 of the suspects as he ran down Robinhill Dr. on foot and then entered a waiting vehicle with 2 occupants. The witness was able to get the tag number and provided it to dispatch (911). Tucker officers matched the tag to a Northern Ave. address and responded to this area. 2 of the 3 suspects were arrested without incident at a service station and the third was apprehended by members of the K-9 unit while hiding out in a woody area along I-285.

THANKS TO THE PUBLIC WHO ASSISTED THE POLICE-- THE END RESULT BEING THE ARRESTS OF 7 SUSPECTS WITHIN 2 DAYS!! WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM BRINGS DESIRED RESULTS TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT!

POSSIBLE SCAM ALERT

I have heard from 3 neighborhoods recently regarding persons (male and female) who are going from door to door to offer apologies about the noise that will be involved with future construction/home improvement work in the area. These persons when asked about what residences are involved, the name of the company doing the work, and if they have a solicitor/peddler license, don't want to respond to these questions. They travel by foot, but in at least one instance, a vehicle with an Alabama tag responded to pick up a female canvasser when she felt threatened by a N/W Coordinator's inquires. No criminal activity that I am aware of has transpired as a result of these visits. However, I would urge you and your residents to speak to these door to door canvassers through a closed, locked door and decline their services, even if they offer you something at no charge. These people need to be considered suspicious persons, so a 911 call to report and describe them, is a valid call.

SCRAP METAL THEFT

Be advised that thieves are targeting various metals such as: copper (wiring), nickel (manhole covers), bronze (cemetery vases) and platinum (vehicle catalytic converters) to sell as scrap metal. In regard to catalytic converters, you may wish to consider the following:

- Park your vehicle in your garage.
- Etch your car's VIN number on your converter; if stolen and recovered, this will be proof of ownership.
- Consider purchasing a vehicle alarm. Ask the installer if the shock sensor will go off when the converter is in jeopardy of being stolen.

ANIMAL ATTACKS

HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF IN A DOG ATTACK:

1. Remain calm, move slowly, don't make loud noises or threatening gestures
2. Face the animal, never run, or turn your back
3. Don't look directly into a dog's eyes-look just over the dog's head
4. Shield yourself –use a clipboard, package, stick, or your arm (left arm for right-handers)
5. Extend your forearm near your waist w/ fist clenched.
6. Hold your ground—give firm commands (i.e. NO, STAY, DOWN, GO HOME)
7. If knocked to the ground, curl up in a ball; cover your head and neck. Play dead.
8. Use chemicals sprays as a last resort.

- Source: William Little-- DeKalb Animal Control 4.294.2940

BEAR ATTACK?

There was a black bear sighting in the Smoke Rise area recently.

1. Black bears are USUALLY fearful of people
2. Don't run, slowly back away
3. Clap or yell in a command voice, wave your hands.
4. Pepper spray- bears have a very keen sense of smell, which is affected by the pepper spray

- Source: Don McGowan, Biologist, Georgia State Fish and Game 7.918.6410 or 800.241.1413 after hrs.

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