

BILL DIERUF
MAYOR



SAM ROGERS
CHIEF OF POLICE

JEFFERSONTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
10410 TAYLORSVILLE ROAD
JEFFERSONTOWN, KENTUCKY 40299
502/267-0503 · FAX 502/267-5936

CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017



Although this affects individuals who are in some type of lawn service or landscaping business the most, the topic of how to prevent lawn equipment theft is a good reminder for everyone. The theft of lawn and landscaping equipment, as well as the mobile storage trailers housing these items, is a perennial problem throughout the Commonwealth. So, how do we keep this rather expensive equipment safe from theft and increase the chances of recovery? Remember, any good crime prevention strategy involves the removal of “opportunity” to commit a theft. The first thing we can do to

prevent the theft of lawn equipment is to not leave it unattended and unsecured where a passing thief could grab it. When not in use, store this equipment in a secured shed or garage. Also, if you travel with your equipment to service other yards, do not leave it unsecured in the open bed of a truck or trailer. Make sure to record the serial numbers or VIN numbers of all your equipment. This will allow the entry of the equipment into a national crime database and also aid in identification of the items if located in a pawn shop. Also consider etching or engraving expensive items with an “owner applied number” or OAN in at least two places on the equipment, one obvious place and one hidden place. Take digital photographs of the equipment and the serial numbers. If you have no place to securely store the equipment, including trailers, use heavy duty chain and high security padlocks to secure the equipment. You can also use locks on the trailer hitches. For larger equipment there are GPS tracking devices, and anti-theft tire wheel clamp locks. Remove opportunity and make it as difficult as possible on the potential thief!!



Scammers and Scoundrels

Apps for our smart phones are so convenient. There is literally an app for everything. But, just like anything else, apps can be used by scammers to deceive you, and provide a vehicle for pop-up junk ads, malware, ransomware, and possible theft of personal information. Be very cautious when downloading apps. Never click on a link in any email to download an app. Go to the website of the retailer to link to the legitimate app in the App Store. Be very suspicious of requests to link your credit card to an app. Technology is awesome, but there is a dark side. Be vigilant!

Crime Trends This Month

Sprowl Road	Break-in to vehicle
Lime Spring Way	Criminal mischief to vehicles
Blankenbaker Pkwy. & Pelham Court	Theft/attempted theft of trailer(s)
Florian Road, Timberwood Circle, Linn Station Road, Willowhurst Place, Gaudet Road & Michelle Lane	Speeding/stop sign complaints

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

*Any questions concerning Block Watch programs,
contact Community Resource Officer Felicia Burba
at the Jeffersontown Police Department
(502) 267-0505*

Visit our website : www.jeffersontown.gov