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## CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019



As a D.A.R.E. officer, I spend a lot of time in the classroom with our elementary school and middle school kids. I remind them that the good people in the world far out-number the bad. But, as we adults know, we do have to remain vigilant against the few bad apples in our midst. We do this by proactively protecting our assets through the removal of any opportunity to commit crime. Removal of opportunity includes things like locking vehicle and building doors. Remove items of value from our vehicles because thieves do not typically break-in to cars when there is nothing of value inside. Replace lights outside your home or business. Remove landscaping or debris that could create a hiding spot for someone looking to commit a crime. Be aware of your surroundings when out in public, and do not leave purses or wallets in vehicles or shopping carts for someone to grab. Protect your financial information. There are always things that we can do to make a criminal's efforts as difficult as possible. What can you do to remove opportunity for crime to occur?

### Scammers and Scoundrels

I want to take a moment to remind everyone what to do if you find yourself the victim of Fraud. It is very important to act quickly, especially if it involves your credit report or credit/debit card information. Make sure you immediately contact the financial institution such as the bank or credit card issuer and report the fraudulent activity. They will be able to assist you in canceling the account so that no further damage can be done, and in obtaining fraudulent transaction information to provide to law enforcement. Once you have done this you can contact the police. If a report needs to be filed, the police department will give you a report number. You may need to initiate a fraud alert through the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union) especially if theft of your identity was also involved. You are entitled to a free copy of credit report from each credit bureau. If the situation involves a scam, please contact the Better Business Bureau, and the Federal Trade Commission. These entities attempt to track scams because the best defense against scams is knowledge and education for the public. Technology is great, and has improved our lives significantly, but there is a dark side to it because it has created an entirely new way to commit crime.



## Current Crime Trends

**Break-in to vehicles:** Blankenbaker Access, Chambers Way, Wilburlook Lane, Park Avenue, Morgan Jaymes, 10300 block of Taylorsville Road

**Graffiti/Criminal Mischief:** 9500 block of Taylorsville Road

**Speed Complaints:** Pollitt Court, Gaudet Road

*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*

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