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## OCTOBER 2017 Crime Prevention Newsletter



With October comes the beginning of longer nights, and the introduction of ghosts and goblins into the cooler air. But wait, is it a goblin or a living, breathing suspicious figure lurking about the streets looking for an opportunity to commit crime? Either way, it is a good time to evaluate the lighting around your property, to trim back those hedges to create natural surveillance of movement around your

home, and to make it as difficult as possible for a suspicious character to walk away with your belongings. Make sure those awesomely spooky decorations are not simultaneously blocking the view of your surroundings.

And, speaking of Halloween, make sure the kiddos stay safe this Halloween as they make their way around the neighborhoods in a quest for treats. Take the time to review safety tips for Halloween.  
(From Safe Kids Worldwide)

### While walking through the neighborhood:

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look BOTH ways.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

### Costumes:

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



## DRIVERS:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

## Scammers and Scoundrels



In light of all of the recent disasters around the world, we all feel a desire to reach out and help in some way. Many of us have family members or friends directly affected by the destruction in the wake of Mother Nature's show of force. Make sure that your money or resources are going to an organization that is transparent and well established as a provider of aid to affected areas. Research any organizations or charities. Be leery of the first one that pops up

on social media, because there will be plenty of fake ones out there, and you want to make sure your money is used as you intended. And remember, the recovery efforts are ongoing and will last for an extended period of time, so you do not have to donate immediately.

## Areas of Concern

10200 block Timberwood Circle	Theft from vehicles
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1800 block Resource Way	Theft from vehicles
8500 block Atrium Drive	Theft from vehicles
9600 Dolphin Court	Theft from vehicles
Amherst Place	Theft from vehicles
700 block Yorkwood Place	Theft from vehicles
610 Cambridge Station	Theft from vehicles
11100 block Ampere Court	Criminal Mischief to fence
9900 block Timberview Way	Theft from vehicles
4900 block Stout Blvd.	Theft from vehicles
600 block Cambridge Station	Damage to mailbox
8700 Loch Le	Theft form vehicles

### ***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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