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## CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

I have to admit that writing “2018” was a bit surreal. It may be a cliché, but saying that time goes by quickly certainly has some measure of truth. Technology seems to be on an accelerated path as well, and there are pros and cons. Technology has introduced more complicated crimes such as electronic fraud, hacking, and identity theft, but there are also technological advances every day in the field of crime prevention. However, the principles of good crime prevention have not changed. Make it your New Year’s resolution to practice better crime prevention in your own space. Criminals do not take a break when it is cold outside. Make sure you evaluate the locks on your doors, use the deadbolts, and install locking devices on sliding glass doors and windows. Replace exterior light, install motion activated exterior lighting, and use timers to turn on televisions and lights inside the house when away from home. Trim back anything that might be blocking your windows. Please keep your vehicles free of valuables, and LOCK vehicle doors. And, as usual, notify the police if you spot suspicious activity in your neighborhood.



### Scammers and Scoundrels



The number one, most effective strategy against scammers is AWARENESS. If you are able to spot a scam, you will not fall for it, and therefore, will not suffer a loss. You will be able to chuckle and say, “Not today scammer, not today!” I want to introduce you to the “helpful” and “malicious” Tech Support scam. This scam involves a notification by phone, email, or online pop ups by individuals falsely claiming to be Microsoft, Apple, or other Tech support companies. You are given the message that your computer has been infected with some horrible virus, and in order to “fix” it you are

directed to a website, or instructed to call a number immediately. They get your credit card information and you are instructed to download an “antivirus program.” At this point, the damage is done. REMEMBER, computer manufacturers will NOT contact you to let you know if there is an issue with your computer. Upgrades, antivirus programs, and maintenance are YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Be extremely suspicious of all unsolicited contact via phone, email, or pop ups. Be sure to install anti-virus software on your own from a reputable source, and update it regularly. And, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER give out banking information to an unverified source.

### **Crime Trends this Month**

**Break in or attempted break into vehicles:** Yorkwood Place  
Balsam Way  
Bunsen Way  
Pine Lake Drive  
Amherst Place  
Morgan Jaymes Court  
9400 & 10300 block of Taylorsville Road  
2300 block of Watterson Trail North  
Hampton Ridge Court

**Burglary:** Ethelwood Drive  
Haeringdon Court  
10100 block of Taylorsville Road

**Theft from construction site:** Stony Brook Drive

***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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