

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Seasons
Greetings

December 2008

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"ROAD RAGE!"

As you already know, the holidays can be a happy and exciting time, but there are times when the holiday can cause it's own stress.

Most of us have become angry behind the wheel of an automobile. But, there are few of us that choose to act on their anger behind the wheel leading themselves into hostile, aggressive or even lethal action.



Remember a vehicle is not only a means of transportation, but can be at times considered a weapon. One of the most important ways to avoid "Road Rage" is to avoid confrontation. Don't instigate or aggravate someone by doing things to get back at them or provoke them.

WAYS TO AVOID ROAD RAGE...

Avoid aggressive driving.

DO NOT use obscene gestures, faces, or stares.

DO NOT cut off other drivers.

Use your turn signals.

DO NOT tailgate.

Let vehicle's pass you if you're driving the speed limit and another vehicle is tailgating you.

Drive the posted speed limit.

Give yourself extra time when traveling somewhere.

Don't drive angry.



Use common sense courtesy.

Take a moment to cool down and not think everyone else is stupid and should drive like you. We have differences for different reasons. Realize this.

WHAT TO DO IF CONFRONTED...

Always leave enough room between you and the vehicle in front of you if you need to escape a physical attack.

Look for alternate driving routes to get away from someone trying to confront you.

Ignore any obscene gestures.

Do not "tap" your brakes to aggravate someone who is tailgating-move over or pull off the road safely and allow them to pass.

Do not follow them after they've passed.

If you feel you are being threatened try to go to a highly populated public area to ask for help.

Call 911. Know where you are, a description of the "Road Rage" driver and direction of travel. Remember, 911 goes to the State Police first and then to the local police. where you are.

SERVICE-PRIDE-INTEGRITY



GARDEN CITY POLICE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CITY DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY- 911

POLICE 793-1700

DETECTIVE BUREAU 793-1710

CITY HALL 793-1600

21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680

BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650

CITY CLERK 793-1620

LIBRARY 793-1830

MAPLEWOOD CTR. 793-1850

PARKS & REC. 793-1880

PROTECT AGAINST “HOME INVASION”

With the recent arrest of Suspects responsible for multiple Home Invasions, I would like to take this time to remind us on how to reduce our chances of becoming victim to this crime. Here are some short simple tips to remember:

Check Window Security and locks.

Check Door Security and locks.

Check garage Doors and locks.

Do you leave outside lights on? Front and Back?

Will you keep the shrubbery and landscaping at a level where neighbors can see around your home?

Do you ALWAYS lock the doors and secure windows when you leave, even for a short time?

Are ALL you outside leading doors solid wood or metal?

Do you have lock throws that lead at least 1” into the door-frame?

Is your door frame protected by a sufficient strike plate?

Can you and do you lock your garage door?

Have you photographed and recorded your valuable items?

Are they marked by Operation ID?

Do you place yourself on the Police Department’s “Vacation Watch” List?



Dogs do NOT always act as a deterrent.

Alarms DO NOT always act as a deterrent, but DO help when audible to alert neighbors.

If someone knocks on your door, speak to them from behind a locked door and if suspicious, contact Police immediately.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS—CANCELLED?

The number of participants at our Neighborhood Watch Meetings has diminished. This may be a change of the times and the meetings by the majority may not be of interest any longer. I will be sending letters out to

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators for feedback on the current interest of participating in future meetings. Our next meetings are scheduled to begin again in March 2009. Please be aware of this possible change and respond

to the letter sent to you. You may select your interest as:

- * NOT INTERESTED
- * INTERESTED IN NEWSLETTERS ONLY
- * INTERESTED IN NEWSLETTERS & MEETINGS

Thank you, Det. Sgt. Aure’

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

March Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Arson 0	Robbery 3
Breaking & Entering 18	Public Peace 3
Larceny 28	Fraud 15
Stolen Vehicles 8	Drugs 17
Assaults 30	Property Damage 22
Murder 0	

The numbers listed represent statistics for the entire city during the month listed