



THE CRIME WATCHER



Community Involvement Unit
Non-Emergency 954.344.1800
Emergency 911

April - June 2012
Crime Prevention Officer 954.344.1835
TIPS Line 954.227.COPS (2677)

SHADOWWOOD IS NATIONAL FINALIST FOR BEST NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR

Below is the breakdown of stolen vehicles, and residential and vehicle burglaries for the fourth quarter (October-December) calendar year 2011 and the comparison to the first quarter (Jan-Mar) calendar year 2012. These statistics were provided by CSPD's Crime Analyst:

<u>CALL TYPE</u>	<u>2011 4TH QTR</u>	<u>2012 1ST QTR</u>
Stolen vehicles	31	26
Residential burglaries	114	101
Vehicle burglaries	163	107

The numbers of all three categories have decreased. The number of stolen vehicles dropped to 26 from the previous reported 31 and decreased even more from the reported 52 for the first quarter of 2011. Stolen vehicles include autos, buses, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles.

There were 101 residential burglaries during the first quarter 2012 compared to the previous quarter report of 114 which is also a decrease of the previously reported 117 for the same time period one year ago.

The number of vehicle burglaries decrease significantly to 107 from the previously reported quarter of 163. It is a bigger decrease from the reported 171 vehicle burglaries a year ago.

SHADOWWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

One of the communities in the Shadowwood development is one of four finalists for the 2012 Neighborhood of the Year Award presented by Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA).

The conference for finalist presentations will be in May in Indianapolis, Indiana. The City of Coral Springs and Shadowwood representatives will be attending. They will highlight their presentation for consideration as THE Best Neighborhood of the Year 2012. Good luck and congratulations Shadowwood!

GRAFFITI

Call Coral Springs Police Department and report graffiti if you see it or are a victim of it. It is important that it be reported for documentation and investigation. City

Ordinance also requires that it be removed in a timely manner.

To combat graffiti and tagging, CSPD will pay a \$500.00 award to any person who provides information leading to an arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for this type of crime.

The graffiti hotline is 954.227.COPS.

SHREDATHON

The next shredathon is Saturday, May 19, 2012 in front of City Hall on Sample Rd from 9 to 1130 AM or until the truck is full. It's another layer of identity theft prevention. The program is free. Bring all your shreddables!

SAFETY TOWN

This program is an early childhood safety education which introduces all types of safety situations to young children between the ages of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of age.

The summer session registration is Saturday, April 28 at the Safety Town location, Kiwanis Park, 520 Ramblewood Dr. Each session is 2 weeks. For more information, call 954.344.1811.

ANOTHER DISTRACTION CRIME

Do not let anyone into your home no matter who they say they are or who they say they represent, especially if you did not place a service call. Do not accept any phone number they may provide you to verify them.

Equally important is that you also do not allow solicitors into your home or allow them to have you exit your home, for example to check out the trees in your backyard.

Most, but not all criminals of this type tend to work in teams; one distracts you and the other steals.

Call CSPD and have them verify the subjects. It is better to be safe than sorry, so... **Be Smart - Be Safe**

CREDIT CARD & IDENTITY THEFT

Read your monthly credit card statement carefully. Question any charges that do not look familiar to you. Many credit card thieves do not make their thefts obvious so you may not be immediately aware that your identity has been compromised.

Contact your credit card company if you have any questions on your statement, then the police department if you find that any charge has not been authorized by you.

RECENT INCREASE OF VEHICLE BURGLARIES IN CITY PARKS

The overall vehicle burglary rate has decreased, but there has been an increased frequency occurring at the city parks. This may further increase when school is out for the summer and many more people will be visiting the parks.

Be aware of your surroundings. Secure your property in the locked trunk if you choose not to carry your valuables with you. But remember, the thieves are probably watching you when you park and watching what you do or don't take with you. Leave valuables at home.

When you see anything suspicious call CSPD at that time. Provide as much information as you can.

If you spend a lot of time in Coral Springs, you may want to consider pre-programming the non-emergency phone number into your cell phone (954.344.1800).

Make a Call, Make a Difference

And

****Help Us to Help You****