



Saint Louis COUNTY POLICE



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Dear Resident,

The St. Louis County Police Department provides full police services to the City of Wildwood and has done so for 25 years. The Department joined in the 25th Anniversary celebration of the City's founding. We are proud of our continued partnership with the City and work hard every day to maintain the trust of our residents.

Over the past year, there has been a significant increase in theft throughout the metropolitan area and this is certainly true for all areas of west county including Wildwood. Our officers make a strong effort to patrol the streets of Wildwood on a constant basis. Wildwood is a large city, 67 square miles with over 178 miles of roadways. The Wildwood Precinct has made adjustments to our staffing to attempt to deter these incidents. In addition, the St. Louis County Police Wildwood Precinct works closely with our neighboring cities and their police officers in responding to incidents, sharing information related to these crimes and investigating leads where possible.

It is important to realize that the opportunity for theft can be prevented by you. We need your help! We recommend establishing your own security routine (#9PMroutine) by checking the security of your home and vehicles at the same time each evening before you settle in for the night. You pick the time. Simple habits such as removing items of value from your vehicle or securing them out of sight in your car's trunk, removes the opportunity for theft. The thefts that have occurred are overwhelming crimes of opportunity involving unlocked vehicles. Always lock your vehicle and ensure that the windows are closed. NEVER leave a gun in your vehicle. The most common method used by these individuals is to be dropped off in a residential area or parking lot and walk through checking for unlocked vehicles. Anything can be taken. Breaking a vehicle window is uncommon unless there is something of value in plain view.

Do not hesitate to call the police if you see someone looking into vehicles or trying to open vehicle doors. These situations can happen at any time of the day or night and at any location where vehicles are parked. It happens quickly. As always, garage doors should be closed when you are not able to see your garage. Your garage holds various items that can easily be carried away, not to mention attached garages provide quick access to the inside of your home.

If your Homeowner's Association is interested in borrowing our "Lock it or Lose it" yard signs, please contact the Neighborhood Policing Unit at the Wildwood Precinct station at 636-458-9194 or 314-615-5601. These signs can be placed at the entrance to your subdivision or at a busy intersection as a reminder.

For police service, call Dispatch at 636-529-8210. For emergencies, always call 911.

We all hope for a better 2021. I appreciate your support and vigilance in protecting our community.

Sincerely,

Captain James Mundel
Wildwood Precinct Commander



"Committed to Our Citizens Through Neighborhood Policing"