

# Neighborhood Crime Watch Newsletter

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PATROL DISTRICT 35, BEAT 7

The primary topics at this month's police lecture related to vehicle crimes, theft of vehicles, accessories and parts. This type of crime is on a rapid rise in Garland. Tips to protect your vehicles include: (1) don't leave garage door openers visible in vehicle (Openers usually give a thief free access to owner's home. The vehicle owner's home address can usually be found in most vehicles.), (2) don't leave cellular phones visible, (3) "anti-burglary bars affixed to the steering wheel are not effective against professional thieves, most professional vehicle thieves and a \$2 screw driver and less than one minute to steal your vehicle. Car alarms are not very effective either. Rarely does anyone pay attention to them because so many are false alarms and thieves can be gone with the vehicle before anyone investigates the alarm. While GM vehicles are the easiest to steal, the most popular target vehicles are Camaros, Firebirds, Jeeps, Blazers. Most stolen vehicles are sold for parts and are generally stolen to support drug habits or other vices of the thieves. The recommended device to thwart potential vehicle thieves is a hidden ignition "kill switches". Its available at most alarm shops at a fraction of the cost of an electronic alarm system. Alarm shops don't promote "kill switches" because they make more money on the systems. An even cheaper and better way to protect your vehicle at home is to keep it in your garage and off the street!

**Crime Watch Bumper and window stickers** are available at the Crime Watch Dept at the Garland Police Station. The Garland Police Dept wants to promote these stickers as a way to inform more people that such programs are in effect in Garland. The stickers also display the Crime Watch/Crime Tips phone number.

**Phone Solicitors:** Be aware that any phone solicitors asking for donation or selling "something" in the name of a police organization do receive a part of the donation for their services. The Crime Watch program does not use the donation for their services. The Crime Watch program does not use phone solicitation. Fund raising events to support Crime Watch programs are coming up in April. April 4 is the 3rd Annual "Taste of Garland." HELLA Temple on Rowlett Road. \$15/person. Eat till you bust from the selections provided by many different fine eating establishments in the metroplex area. Food tasting, 7:00-9:00pm and CW band will be playing your favorite and classic CW songs for singing and dancing enjoyment from 9:00-11:00pm.

**The Gerald Walker Memorial Golf Tourney** will be held at the Eastern Hill CC on the 6th of April. This program provides scholarships to five Garland High School students. Tax deductible donation entry fee is \$125. For businesses, Hole Sponsorships are available at \$300 per hole. Field is limited to first 144 signees. For either of the above events, contact Larry Walker or Jerry Sadler at the Garland Police Department.

**Final Points:**

- (1) Report Fires in Trash bins to the Fire Dept., not police
- (2) Report all gang type problems
- (3) Report stray school age kids in the neighborhoods during daytime school hours
- (4) A new burglary trend is starting to show up. Thieves are watching neighborhoods on Sunday morning to see which families are leaving to attend church. After family leaves, the home is burglarized.

Minutes from the 13 February 1992 Neighborhood Watch meeting sponsored by the City of Garland Police Department downtown Garland.

**CRIME STATISTICS: CITY WIDE**

	Nov. 91	Dec. 91
<b>Call for Service</b>	9699	9745
Average Response Time (min.)		
Priority (Life Threatening)	7.20	6.95
Priority 2 (Non-Life Threatening)	11.63	10.98
Priority 3 (Non-Emergency)	22.85	23.55
<b>Arrests</b>		
Total in Custody	917	1013
Juveniles	100	123
Adults	817	890
Repeat Offenders of those arrested:	48.2%	50.8%
DWI	52	61
<b>Types of Offenses</b>		
Murder	1	0
Aggravated Sexual Assault	15	9
Robbery	44	33
Aggravated Assault	38	39
Habitation Burglary (reported)	159	193
Building Burglary	55	84
Vehicle Burglary	227	196
Auto Theft	140	124

**For our Beat,** the following statistics were recorded:

**Burglary of Buildings:**

Dec. 2 - Diamond Oaks Jan. 2 Jupiter

**Burglary of Homes:**

Dec. 4 - Catalpa Jan. 6 - Hickory Bend  
Arues Shady Oaks  
Laurel Oaks Beltline  
Ursa Peakwood  
Ridgeoak

**Theft of Home Property:**

Dec. 2 - Richoak Jan. 2 Beltline  
Ridge Oak Canis

**Vehicle Crimes:**

Dec. 9 Jan. -1

**Burglary of Vehicles:**

Dec. 5 - Beltline 2 Jan. 2 Oak Spring  
Oak Point Catalpa  
Flameleaf

**CRIME WATCH MEETING - MARCH 5, 1992**  
Oakridge Country Club  
at 7:30p.m.



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Residents of Big Oaks,

I am a representative for the second largest financial service company in the United States. I provide asset management along with a range of financial products which are all designed to either save you money or make money for you. Look over the following situations to see if any pertain to you or someone you may know.

**Investments**

The deadline for funding an IRA for 1991 is drawing near (April 15). Some of you may be interested in an attractive investment for your IRA. Many of you may have CDs that are maturing and may not be excited about the current CD rates available to you. Some of you may have financial goals (college educations, retirement, etc.), but you are not sure how to achieve them. Still others may have IRAs that you would like to rollover, and you are not sure where to place your distributions. I can help with all of these situations.

**Debt Problems**

Some of you may have credit card debt that you can't seem to get rid of or some other loan that keeps you from having that "extra" money at the end of the month. I can help with a consolidation loan to combine all or most of your current debt into a single loan. In most cases, the monthly payments will be reduced and the debt will be paid sooner.

**Death Protection (a.k.a. Life Insurance)**

This is not a pleasant topic to think about or discuss; however, it is essential to ensure that those dependent on you are taken care of if you pass away prior to developing your living estate. I feel that as little as possible should be paid for this protection. This will enable you to invest more of your money so that you can develop your living estate. I am authorized to beat any other policy to provide you with inexpensive insurance with the nation's largest individual life insurer.

I would like to offer my services to all of you at no charge. If you or someone you know might benefit from a consultation, please give me a call. I will be happy to be of service. Additionally, if you or someone you know would be interested in making additional income or possibly making a career change, please call. I can provide part-time or full-time employment. No previous experience is required, and all of the training is free. Thank you for your time. Please call if I can help you in any way.

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