



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS ALWAYS ON THE JOB!

EMERGENCY - 911

## Important Numbers

Non- Emergency  
703-777-1021  
703-777-0445

Poison Control  
1-800-222-1222

Animal Control  
703-777-0406

Narcotic Tip Line  
703-779-0552

Crime Solvers  
703-777-1919

Administration  
703-777-0407

Traffic Hotline  
703-771-5798

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## Scams and Fraud Prevention

There have been an increasing number of telephone and email scams across the county in the past few months. Many of these scams involves persons posing as officials from government agency's.

In most of these cases the caller or email states that the individual has violated the law or failed to pay a fine and threatens the person with arrest if the fine is not paid immediately.

The caller or email will request that the victim obtain a prepaid payment card and "load" the amount of the fine onto the card. Once loaded the caller will ask the person for the card information so they can complete the transfer of funds.

These types of scams can be very aggressive. When threatened many people are fearful that if they do not comply they will be arrested.

To better handle these types of situations here are a few tips:

- 1: Always ask for the persons full name, badge number, office or area they are calling from, and get their telephone number.
- 2: Call that agency at a number published on the internet and verify the callers information.
- 3: Request written documentation regarding the violation or fine.
- 4: Request to make the payment in person or ask for an office address in order to handle the matter in person.
- 5: Government agencies nearly always use letters or personal visits when trying to collect a fine, serve an arrest warrant, or make contact with a person regarding a legal matter.
- 6: If you are not sure about the situation contact the Sheriff's Office at 703-777-1021.



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## Construction Site Larcenies

Thefts from construction sites are a growing problem as the weather begins to get warmer and construction activity begins to increase county wide.

Construction sites can be the target of thieves for a number of reasons, from building supplies, tools and even copper metal. Since most work sites are not active after dark due to the safety risks and lack of lighting, potential thieves are easy to spot.

Citizens who observe any activity on construction sites after dark are asked to immediately call 703-777-1021 and report the activity. Please provide as much information as you can. Include vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers (if they can be observed from a safe and discreet distance), number of people, and anything you see them removing from the construction site or buildings.

Deputies will come out to the site and check to see if the persons are legitimate workers or potential thieves.

Putting a stop to this activity will help deter other types of crime from finding their way into your neighborhood.

**Remember**  
**When in doubt – CALL IT IN!**  
**703-777-1021**

## National Night Out.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes Sheriff's Office-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our community a safer, better place to live. Together, we are making that happen.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring law enforcement and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits. This years date is August 4, 2015.

Each year more than 16 thousand communities and 38 million neighbors participate across the US all with a common goal. That goal being to reconnect with their neighbors and community with the intent to make their community a safer place.

If your community is interested in hosting an event you can go to [www.nato.org](http://www.nato.org) for information on how to register your event. If you would like Sheriff's Office participation please contact DFC James Spurlock at 703-771-5749 or email him at [james.spurlock@loudoun.gov](mailto:james.spurlock@loudoun.gov).



## Speeding in Neighborhoods

Now that we are in the height of the summer many children will be riding their bikes and playing on neighborhood streets. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is asking all drivers to slow down and pay extra attention in our neighborhoods. Slowing down while driving and taking a few extra minutes could make all the difference in avoiding a tragedy.

### What difference can 10 miles per hour make to you and the community?

- 1: At 25 miles per hour your car is traveling approx. 36.7 feet per second.  
At 35 miles per hour your vehicle is traveling approx. 51.3 feet per second.
- 2: At 25 miles per hour, if you observed danger, your vehicle will have traveled 55 feet before you will begin to react.  
At 35 miles per hour, if you observed danger, your vehicle will have traveled 77 feet before you will begin to react.
- 3: At 25 miles per hour it will take your vehicle approx. 85 feet to come to a complete stop.  
At 35 miles per hour it will take your vehicle approx. 135 feet to come to a complete stop.
- 4: At 25 miles per hour your vehicle will travel one mile in about 2.4 minutes.  
At 35 miles per hour your vehicle will travel one mile in about 1.7 minutes.

The time you save by speeding puts others at risk and could lead to a tragedy.

**Is the 42 seconds you save worth a child's life?**

## Theft from Vehicles

The theft of electronics, monies, and others items of value from vehicles is a problem in every area of the county.

This crime is very preventable by merely removing the opportunity for thieves to find valuable items in your vehicle.

Here are a few reminders to keep your valuables safe.

- Never leave any electronic items visible in your vehicle. Almost any electronic item has value.
- Taking all valuables inside is the best bet. Even if someone searches through your car your items will still be safe.
- Remove cords when you remove your devices. Cords identify what devices you may have. Thieves use this information to come back later and see if you left it behind.
- If you park in your garage be sure the garage door is closed before you go to bed.

If you see anything suspicious  
CALL IT IN!

You are the eyes and ears for your community.

**Non-Emergency:  
703-777-1021**



## Vacation Safety

With summer vacations upon us many families may be looking for a that unforgettable summer destination. Here are a few preplanning tips to help you and your family stay safe.

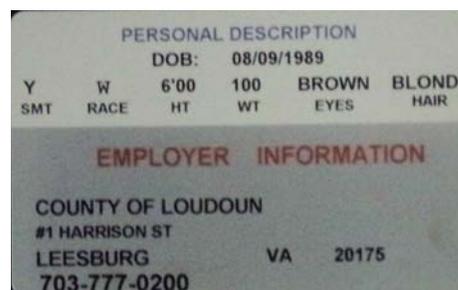
- Take a close look at the hotel you may be staying at during your vacation. Check with local law enforcement about the neighborhood and the hotel for information about current crime trends.
- If you are renting a condo, be sure to check on crime stats for the neighborhood. Check to see if the neighborhood has changed if you have visited before.
- Check local crime stats for any unusual activity or recent crime trends that you and your family should be aware of.
- Keep in mind that criminals will often target tourists. Be mindful of your surroundings, especially at night.
- Utilize in hotel safes and lockboxes. Your valuables can be easily removed while housekeeping or other cleaning services are cleaning the rooms.
- If you travel abroad be sure to make copies of all of your required documents such as Passports, Travel Vouchers, Airline Tickets, Travelers Checks, and US Identification Cards. Keep these copies in a safe location in case the originals are stolen.
- Be sure to check in with the US Embassy to let them know where you are staying so they can contact you in case of an emergency.
- Check the Department of State website for any security warnings about countries you may be visiting.
- Have a plan if you have to leave in a hurry. Know how to get to the embassy, airport, train station, or port on your own. Buy or download an English language map of the area you will be visiting.
- Keep a small amount of local currency and US currency on hand in case of an emergency.
- Study up on local customs and rules so you keep yourself and family out of trouble.

**Remember having a plan and being prepared are the first steps in being safe no matter where you are.**

## FAQ's

**Q: What are the requirements for solicitors?**

**A:** All for profit solicitors must register with the Sheriff's Office. During this registration a criminal history check is performed and if the solicitor meets the requirements they are issued a solicitor permit. (See pictured below)



Solicitors are also given a copy of the solicitor regulations which includes the hours they can solicit and a code of conduct. This regulation can be found in Chapter 828 of the County Code or you can go to [www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov) and search the word "solicitor" to read the ordinance.

If you encounter a solicitor and you do not believe they have registered or their behavior is aggressive, rude, or threatening, you should call the Sheriff's Office immediately at **703-777-1021**

Deputies will respond to check their status and to ensure that they are conducting business lawfully.

**If you would like to invite Sheriff Mike Chapman to an HOA or Neighborhood Meeting please to contact: Liz Mills, Chief Information Officer at [Liz.Mills@loudoun.gov](mailto:Liz.Mills@loudoun.gov) or by telephone at 703-777-0625.**