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Our Local Police Report

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Call 911 for emergencies or assistance

The following report covers Police related business for the time period of 09/24 -10/14/2009.

- A small black bear in the East Addition (area east of the bridge) has avoided capture on a number of occasions but is still foraging for food. If you spot a bear in your area give the Police a call.
- A man rushing to meet an airplane failed to stop at a stop sign. He was contacted and a verbal warning was given. Had he stopped and not endangered others he would have made his connections sooner.
- A man requested Police do a security check on his residence following his receiving information that his phone was found to have a busy signal when he was not present. A security check revealed no signs of forced entry. It was later determined his phone line was faulty.
- Police assisted the Department of Transportation when they removed four impounded vehicles from the City's impound yard. The vehicles are to be destroyed.
- A complaint was received regarding vehicles parked in the Lollipop Park location. Council has yet to act on the designation for the area and parking is prohibited until action is taken. Police tape has been placed across the entrance and those parked at that location were asked to move their vehicles.
- A person called 911 and reported a friend was possibly suicidal. Police contacted the subject and found they were not suicidal but somewhat depressed.
- Police responded to a Domestic Disturbance call and found no violence had occurred and the matter could be handled without charges being brought.
- Contact was made with a man following a report of suspicious behavior. Upon investigation of the incident, and an explanation by the subject, he was found to be related to a person and wanting contact with no malice intended. No further action by the Police was warranted.
- Police received a report about a loud humming sound coming from an area by a vacant residence in the Barabara Heights Subdivision. Investigation revealed a problem with a security system at the residence which created a loud humming noise from a speaker. The problem was corrected by the owner.
- A report of a youngster making suicidal statements resulted in contact of the youngster and the youngster's parents by the Police to discuss the report. The youngster denied making the statements and, since the parents were made aware of the report, no further action was taken by the Police.
- Police received a report of a fender bender involving a City owned vehicle. The owner was contacted and the vehicle was slated for destruction so no further action was required.
- A man reported he was the victim of a theft. The suspect he named was contacted and stated the item taken had been property they had paid for and thought it to still be their property even though they had moved from the residence. The property was returned to the complainant and no formal action was taken.
- Concerned parties requested a welfare check on a friend. Police responded and found the subject to be fine.

- A vehicle was inadvertently locked with the keys inside. Police responded and unlocked the vehicle door.
- Police received a call reporting an A-frame structure on Mac Donald Spit was on fire. The Fire Department was dispatched and Fire and EMS personnel responded to Jakolof Bay float where Mike Geagel and Hans Peterson provided transportation by boat to Mac Donald Spit. The structure was a total loss but no damage was sustained to the other structures in the area and no injuries occurred.
- A report was received that the red light on the Husky II was not illuminated. This indicates the bilge had risen to a level that demands attention. Police notified the City Manager who took immediate action. He and two associates responded to the vessel and found the accumulation of rain water, leaking through the decking on the vessel, had brought the bilge level above the point they were attempting to maintain. The Coast Guard and the DEC were notified of the problem.
- A local man was medi-vaced by responding Fire Department members following a fall where-in he sustained injuries.
- A man reported the theft of wood from private property in the Barabara Heights Subdivision. An investigation is underway.
- A large amount of smoke was reported in the Russian Church trailer park. Police found a resident to be conducting a control burn in that area. Police or Fire personnel always respond to check out excessive smoke reports or sightings and when a controlled burn is planned this response could be alleviated with a phone call alerting the Police or Fire Department of one's intentions. When we have to respond rapidly it puts others in danger, not to mention the responder. It is your best interest we're looking out for. As a courtesy to the Fire Department and the Police Department, we are asking anyone who is going to have a controlled burn to call the Fire Department at 234-7812, or, if you receive no answer, call the Police Department at 234-7640, and make us aware of the time and location of the burn. We appreciate it!
- Seven black bears have been sealed since last report and Police have responded to five requests for assistance.

Tips From Andy...

Can you tell when you are in a hotel room, restroom, motel etc. with a mirror whether it is in fact a mirror or 2-way glass?

Do you know how to determine if a mirror is 2-way or not? This is not to scare you, but to make you aware. A policewoman who travels all over the U.S. and gives seminars and techniques for businesswomen passed this on. When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms, etc., how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a 2-way mirror (i.e., they can see you, but you can't see them)? There have been many cases of people installing 2-way mirrors in female changing rooms. It is very difficult to positively identify the surface by just looking at it.

So, how do we determine with any amount of certainty what type of mirror we are looking at? Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE, FOR IT IS A 2-WAY MIRROR!

"No Space, Leave the Place" So remember, every time you see a Mirror, do the "fingernail test." It doesn't cost you anything.

Remember: "No Space, Leave the Place"

Ladies: Share this with your girlfriends, sisters, daughters, etc.

Men: Share this with your wives, daughters, daughters-in-law, mothers, girlfriends and friends.