



Block Watch Quarterly

July-Sept 2006

Going Away on Vacation?

Before you leave:

- Avoid publicizing your plans but notify your Block Watch Captain.
- Use a house-sitter if you trust and know the person well.
- Make sure your Operation ID list is current and kept in a secure location.
- Arrange for newspapers & mail to be picked up daily or cancel your paper and ask the Post Office to hold your mail until your return.
- Don't leave a large amount of cash or jewelry in your home – rent a safety deposit box.
- Check the locks on doors and window and secure them before you leave.
- Unplug automatic garage door openers.
- Connect radios, televisions and light to timers designed to go off at random times.
- Ask a neighbor to park their car in your driveway.

Follow these tips for security and peace of mind while you are away. If you come back and it appears that your home has been burglarized – do not enter. Use your cellphone or a neighbor's phone to call 9-1-1 immediately.

National Night Out

Don't forget...

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1st.

Invitations were sent to all Block Watch groups to participate in this nationwide night out against crime. National Night out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminal letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Go to www.nationalnightout.org or contact Amy for more information.

If you aren't able to have a gathering that evening, encourage everyone to turn on outside lights and join others doing the same across the nation. It is also a good reminder to pick a "Project 365". Select a project in the neighborhood that Block Watch members can work on together. Send your project information and photos to the Community Programs office to be featured in this newsletter.



Officer Profile

Summer Safety Tips for Children

This is a good time to remind children of "safety rules". Here are some suggestions from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

Always check first with your parents or guardians before you go anywhere or do anything.

Stay safer when you're home alone by keeping the doors locked.

Never go alone to malls, movies, video arcades or parks. Take a friend with you and always check first.

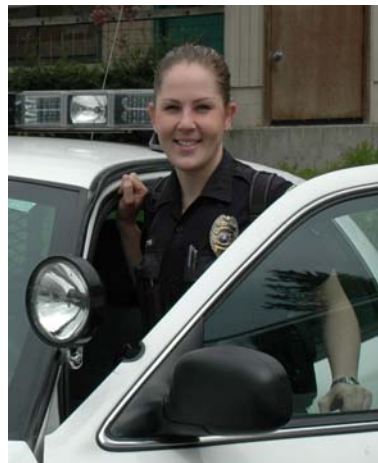
Don't be afraid to say "NO" and get away from any situation that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.

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Officer Nutter began her career with the Olympia Police Department in March of 2003. She is a graduate of the University of Washington. She became involved in law enforcement to work towards improving the criminal justice system.

She chose Olympia because of the emphasis on community policing.



She has attended training in Domestic Violence response with prosecutors and victim advocates.

Currently, Officer Nutter is patrolling the West Side of Olympia on swing shift. In the future, she hopes to be assigned to a specialty position as a traffic officer.

You're Invited

What: Block Watch Captain Training Session*

When: Wednesday, July 12th from 6 PM – 8 PM

Where: Council Chambers, 900 Plum St SE

We will be discussing *National Night Out*, *Identity Theft*, *Speed Watch Trailers* and *Crime Prevention Resources*.

* All interested Block Watch members are welcome.
Please RSVP to Amy Stull.