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### Winter Holiday Safety Tips 2021

Dear Residents,

We are in the season of increased travel, college students home for the holidays, and more family gatherings. The Division of Public Safety takes this opportunity to remind you of ways to ensure the safety of your home, belongings and family. Please note the following:

- 1. REMOVE THE KEY FOB AND LOCK YOUR CAR.** It is extremely important to remove key fobs (keyless entry) from your vehicles and lock the car. Cars do not lock with the fob in the vehicle. Additionally, most recent models have mirrors that retract when locked allowing thieves the ability to determine if your car is unlocked while simply driving by. Further, leaving the fob in the car gives access to your home via the garage door opener. Take your valuables, remove your keys, lock your car.
- 2. SET YOUR HOUSE ALARM.** If you have an alarm, set it. Many burglarized homes have alarms that were not set. If you do not set your alarm, you may as well not have one. Town Code requires that all residential and business alarms be registered annually with the Police whether monitored by a private alarm system or directly by the Marlboro Police through Direct Connect. If you have not done so, please complete and submit the residents alarm registration form [HERE](#). For more on Direct Connect click [HERE](#).
- 3. BE AWARE OF PACKAGE THEFT.** During this time of year, many residents are ordering gifts online and packages are being delivered to our front doors. Package Pirates will cruise through neighborhoods looking to steal unattended packages. Please track your delivery time, and if you are unable to bring the package in yourself, ask a friend or neighbor secure it until you get home.
- 4. VACATION HOUSE CHECKS.** Upon request, the Marlboro Township Police will increase patrols to your area while you are on vacation. Read the Security Check Waiver form then complete and sign the Request for Security Check form. It can either be faxed to us at (732) 972-7522 or you can deliver it to us personally (we are open 24/7). Due to security concerns, emailed forms are not accepted. This free service is available to Marlboro residents year round.



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**5. FIRE SAFETY** – Our Fire Official reminds residents that December, January and February are the leading months for home fires. Many of these fires are caused by cooking, heating and holiday decorations such as lights, Christmas trees and candles. For more, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>

**6. MAIL COLLECTION AND SNOW REMOVAL** - If you will be away for an extended period of time, plan ahead to ensure your mail is collected from your mailbox and snow is shoveled from your walkway or driveway. Individuals attempting to commit burglaries will look for these signs when trying to confirm that the residence is vacant.

**7. REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** - Keep a watch and report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Early morning hours of darkness account for most of the car thefts in our region. Afternoon and early evening hours account for most residential burglaries. Do not hesitate to contact us...we would rather you called in error than not at all. 'See something. Say Something. We Will Do Something'.

We live in a very safe community, but no place is immune to crime. Please take these simple steps to ensure the safety of your family and loved ones.

*Chief PJP*