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Municipalities team up to fight crime at local car dealerships

The Village of Tinley Park has combined resources with the villages of Orland Park and Orland Hills to combat crime at local car dealerships. This new, police department-based task force is an initiative put into place as a proactive measure to prevent and deter burglaries and thefts that have become troublesome in recent months.

“The aim is to protect the local businesses while keeping the public safe from opportunistic offenders looking to steal cars to further commit more violent crimes,” Tinley Park Police Chief Matthew Walsh said. “We appreciate the partnership we have with the Orland Park and Orland Hills police departments that allow for collaborative efforts such as these that will aid in the reduction of this type of crime.”

The three area police departments are no strangers to combining efforts for public safety, as the municipalities often assist one another should the situation call for such measures.

“Resource collaboration, technology and intelligence sharing are important attributes that will be utilized to counter the increased number of car dealerships being victimized throughout the Chicagoland area,” Orland Park Police Chief Joe Mitchell said.

All three police departments will work together to surveil and, if the need arises, apprehend anyone committing crimes at local businesses.

“The Village of Orland Hills Police Department looks forward to working alongside Orland Park and Tinley Park police departments,” Orland Hills Police Chief Michael Blaha said. “The car dealership burglaries in the area are a shared concern, so joining resources is the best way to tackle an issue such as this one.”

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Residents may notice an increase in police presence along 159th Street and areas where car dealerships are prevalent.

“As always, we ask that if you see something that just looks suspicious, please say something by calling the non-emergency line of your local police department or in the case of an emergency, dial 911,” Walsh said.

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