

Tinley Park Police Department **COMMUNITY ALERT** **CRIME TIPS**

AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION

Tinley Park Police Department recommends taking the following steps in protecting your property and to discourage would-be criminals from committing auto burglaries:

- Do not leave valuable items visible in your car.
- Do not leave your key or remote start fob inside your vehicle.
- Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit, heavily populated areas.
- Trust your instincts. If something does not feel right, find another place to park.
- Avoid parking next to occupied vehicles.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Take a photo of your registration and insurance and keep them in your phone and remove all forms of identification from your vehicle. Anyone with permission to drive your vehicle should also have this information with them to furnish to the police.
- Do not leave garage door openers in parked vehicles.
- Do not think your dark tinted windows will hide your valuables. Flashlights are used to see through tint.
- If you are parking your vehicle for several days check on it periodically.
- Keep your garage door closed when you are not outside.

Protecting Your Home While on Vacation:

- ✓ Double and triple check all doors and windows before you leave.
- ✓ Talk to a trusted neighbor about helping create a “lived in look”.
- ✓ Put lights on timers.
- ✓ Lock your garage door and disconnect the automatic opener.
- ✓ Do not leave garage door openers in cars left outside.
- ✓ Do not advertise your trip.
- ✓ Do NOT post vacation pictures on social media while your away.
- ✓ Contact the police department and ask for a vacation watch on your home before you leave.

If you see something suspicious, DIAL 911 IMMEDIATELY.
For any non-emergencies issues, please call 708-532-9111.