

Crime Watch Tips:

- **SAVE TO PHONE: CHANGE TO NON-EMERGENCY #. Still 713-221-6000, but now OPTION 6 gets to dispatch. Dispatch talks to our Fall Creek deputies.**
- Add Glass Break Sensor for downstairs bedrooms & master bath
- Thieves are targeting jewelry.. get a safe, bolt it down, or screw into a wall stud.
 - \$64 Amazon Best-Seller:
 - http://www.amazon.com/SentrySafe-X055-Security-Cubic-Black/dp/B000Z8P5Z2/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1444684758&sr=8-3&keywords=jewelry+safe
- RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS.
 - Your items can't be returned to you unless you've got a record of what you own. Take pictures, especially of Serial Numbers, and store on a thumb drive kept somewhere safe. Good place might be above cabinets in kitchen.
- Keep TV or Radio on while you're gone.
- Call in ANY suspicious activity! 713-221-6000, then press 2. As long as deputies are checking out reported suspicious activity, they won't be going outside Fall Creek. (the contracted 70/30 on some deputies might be 90/10 in reality if we report enough activity.)
- Reinforce doors (Replace your 1" screws with 3" screws that go into the studs, at the Strike plate and hinges)
- SET YOUR ALARM ON HOUSE AND CAR
- Get Wheel Locks for your vehicle. (Gorilla Locks is a good brand)
- Be mindful of anyone following you (especially from the bank). CALL 911 if you feel like you're being followed.
- Don't leave the garage open
- Keep All goods out of sight in the car, and don't leave ID in car. (Don't Tempt Thieves)
- Leave your front driveway lights on.
- Install motion sensor lights
 - Battery-powered LED Spotlights available for less than \$20.
- Ask a neighbor to collect newspapers, trash cans, recycle bins from your driveway when you're gone.
- Driveway Monitors!
 - Alerts You when someone walks up your driveway at night. Speaker inside house.
 - \$20-\$35 on Amazon or at Lowes
 - Many homes in Summerwood use these & say they're very effective.
- Watch garage close all the way
- Do not keep your garage door opener in the car.
- REPROGRAM your garage door opener. A newly-purchased one can open another person's!
- People can pull the emergency line on the garage door using a coat hanger and grabbing the line's handle.. Pull the string through so the handle's at the top.
- LOCK your Gate, LOCK your detached GARAGE DOOR
- LOCK CARS, PARK IN DRIVEWAY/GARAGE.
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- CHECK FALLCREEKLIFE.COM, UNDER “COMMITTEES” TO FIND THE NAME OF YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN.
- Turn lights on at night
- Report street lights outage
- Trim shrubs
- Call vacation watch, or report it online: www.harriscountyso.org , go to “Services” then “Public Programs” and tap on “Vacation Watch”
- “Ring” security/app and device for front door video and voice. Works very well.
- Have neighbor check for newspaper and around house when you are on vacation.
- Prevent false alarms at house
 - 60+ PER MONTH. These take up valuable time from deputies, when they could be patrolling or working Actual alarms/issues.
- If you’re awake at night, look out your street window, and report ANYthing suspicious.
- LOCK your garages, cars, and don’t leave valuables in plain sight.
 - More than 80% of our burglaries are from unlocked cars/garages.
- If you see a neighbor’s garage open late, let them know, and tell them about our recent burglaries.
- Talk to your alarm company about setting up a Distress Code, and about wiring your detached garage.
 - Distress Code silences alarm, but call still goes out to law enforcement, with 911 priority.
- If you’re awake late at night, look out your front window and report anything suspicious.
 - This is how the last burglar got caught!
- Doorbell Bark device (Dog is biggest deterrent)
- COMMUNICATE
- Throw Block Parties.. talk about Security, Get each other’s numbers
- Put something on top of brick wall to prevent person from jumping it
- Install Light Switch timers
- Install LED Bulbs in Front Porch and Driveway Lights and KEEP THEM ON.
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