



Upcoming Home Safety Seminar, and a crime update

Preparing for the New Year

A Note from Major Hawkins Bureau of Community Policing Commander, Brentwood Police

Warmest of greetings during this beautiful holiday season! I sincerely hope everyone has been staying safe and well. I missed a couple of newsletters but I have a great excuse - I got married and went on a honeymoon! Now it's back to the grind and back in the swing of things. So let's talk holiday safety!

With the roller coaster that is COVID-19 we never really know what the plans for holidays will be. Here are some quick tips and hints, no matter what your plans are.

Staying in? Sounds good to me! Just keep in mind the holidays are special for celebrating and relaxing, but this time of year is just like any other. Be prepared to have a safe holiday at home by locking your vehicles, keeping valuables and weapons out of your cars, locking your homes, using proper lighting for your exterior, and always be aware of your surroundings. Sometimes it can be easy to relax our routines during this time of year, but please be sure to keep your safety routine in place and remain vigilant in your everyday travels.

Headed out of town? Consider me jealous! Before you go, let us know! Log into MYGOV and use our Vacation Checks to let us know you will be away. We will be sure to keep an extra eye on your home while you are away. But don't just rely on us, do your part to prepare. Have someone get your mail, turn lights on, etc. While you travel keep in mind you won't have

any fun if you don't arrive safely! If you are driving stay sober, put down your phone, keep children properly secured and drive the speed limit. There are usually increases in the number of auto crashes during the holidays. Best to play it safe! If you are flying, make sure your luggage is secure, you keep a close watch on children, and keep those personal travel documents close to your person at all times.

Hosting? So are we! Let your guests know you care by making sure they have a hassle-free trip! Remind them to lock car doors and keep valuables out of sight so everyone can enjoy themselves. Also, if you have little ones coming over, or anyone at all, make sure to secure your firearms in a safe, locked container, where no one can accidentally access them. The same can be said for prescription medication, so make sure to keep it somewhere safe. Out of sight is often out of mind!

Finally, I am pleased to announce our first Home Safety Seminar, presented by Sergeant Josh Bowersox! Sgt. Bowersox will put on a four hour seminar (to include lunch) on January 20th, at a location and time to be announced. Topics will include personal safety, online safety, crime prevention, and more! This event is FREE for all residents! Keep a lookout on the City's website for details and we hope to see you there! Happy Holidays to all our residents and visitors. We will see you all in 2022!