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PROJECT HOME SAFE

A give-away that could save a child's life

Chief of Police Tony Burt wants to remind Shoreline residents they can get free gun locks through a police program called Project Home Safe. This important program began in 2002 after a tragic shooting incident here in Shoreline when a 16-year-old was accidentally and tragically shot with a gun he stole.

Made possible by a grant from Project Home Safe and the U.S. Department of Justice, the police department has several hundred cable gun locks to give away for free, according to Burt.

The locks are designed to work on all types of handguns, shotguns and rifles, and work by sending a strong cable through the barrel or magazine. The cable connects in a steel lock which must be turned with a key to close.

Since the locks are intended only as a deterrent for children, Chief Burt emphasizes that safe storage of guns is also important.

Besides the locks, police continue to educate kids about gun safety. Shoreline Police teach gun safety through their School Resource Officer Program. One of the program lesson's for primary age children is to teach kids not to touch guns and to tell an adult if they see one.

An anti-bullying curriculum called "Taking A Stand" developed by former Shoreline Sgt. Michelle Bennett (now Chief Bennett of Maple Valley Police) and Detective Jessica Sullivan is also taught as part of the SRO program.

Gun safety information is readily available on the internet. Doing a search for "gun safety" can pull up many informative sites.

Shoreline residents may contact one of the storefronts or the main precinct to receive their gun locks (see back page for address and phone numbers) .

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SOMEONE'S KNOCKING

by Paul Scoles, Volunteer Crime Analyst

One day recently, a senior citizen came to our Westside Neighborhood Center, wishing to report what she suspected was fraud. It seems a door-to-door solicitor had sold her two magazine subscriptions... for the whopping total of \$158.00!

Which brings us to the subject of door-to-door solicitors. It's important to safeguard yourself and your home by practicing these crime prevention tips:

- Always ask for identification to verify what company they are working for- if he or she is unable to provide identification, ask them to leave.
- NEVER invite a solicitor into your home.
- BE CAREFUL about giving a solicitor a personal check and DO NOT give them a credit card number or social security number as your identity may be stolen from such documents.
- Orders taken are required to be in writing, in duplicate (you get a copy), stating the name of the solicitor as it appears on his license, the solicitor's permit number, the address of the solicitor and their employer, terms of the agreement, and the amount of money or checks paid to the solicitor.
- If you encounter a solicitor who becomes aggressive or won't take "no" for an answer, ask them to leave, shut the door, and call 911.

The City of Shoreline has a municipal ordinance regulating the activities of door-to-door salesmen and solicitors [Shoreline Municipal Code 5.07]. It requires solicitors and "Master Solicitors" who employ them, to file a written application for a license with the City Clerk, and carry such license at all times when soliciting or canvassing. Solicitors must produce the license, when requested, by police, city officials, or persons being solicited.

Exempt from such license requirements are:

- Tax-exempt non-profit organizations (who have filed a current 501(C)3 with the City Clerk).
- Newspaper deliverers.
- Political candidates, campaign workers, political committees soliciting signatures of registered voters.
- Salesman or canvassers who solicit trade on behalf of wholesale or retail businesses in the City.

If you have any questions about these regulations, call 546-1700 and ask for the City Clerk's Office.

For further crime prevention information contact Paul Scoles, Shoreline Police Westside Neighborhood Center, 624 NW Richmond Beach Road, 206-546-3636.

"GAIL" WARNINGS

by Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Marsh

I have been invited to begin giving regular contributions to all of you concerning emergency management and what you can do to improve your ability to survive or better yet, prevent, a disaster happening to you and/or your family. I invite you to call or email me with any specific questions you may have, suggested topic areas you would like to see addressed or if you can have me come to your neighborhood meeting and time soon!

Search for Home Hazards

Conduct a home hazard hunt to identify hazards in your home.

- Check your water heater making sure it is secured with double strapping.
- Make certain all electrical appliances and equipment are in good working condition.
- Secure heavy mirrors, hanging plants, and pictures over all furniture.
- Cupboard doors should be secured with safety latches.
- Poisons, toxins, and solvents should be stored in leak-proof safety containers, away from children. Check chimneys, roof and gutters, to make certain they are anchored.
- Check your home making sure it is bolted to the foundation.

Reduce & Eliminate Home Hazards

Now is the time to reduce the hazards you identified during your home search. Begin by prioritizing the identified hazards that pose the greatest risks to your family. The following checklist is a good beginning:

- Move bed and desks away from windows.
- Remove glass and heavy objects on high shelves.
- Secure hanging plants and light fixtures.
- Remove pictures and heavy mirrors over beds and desks, etc.
- Secure tall pieces of furniture.
- Bolt cabinet doors with safety latches.
- Bolt and brace water heaters.
- Properly secure TV's, stereos, computers, and other appliances.
- Remove dry grass, brush and leaves from around your house.
- Remove debris on roofs, in gutters, and spouts.
- Remove plants, shrubs, and trees near power lines.
- Review and respond to other hazards you have identified.

Contact your EMC: *Gail C. Marsh* (206) 546-7873 gail.marsh@metrokc.gov

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In an Emergency, CALL 911



Police Non-Emergency (206) 296-3311

Shoreline Police Precinct 1206 N 185 St (206) 546-6730

Police West Side Neighborhood Center 624 NW Richmond Beach Rd (206) 546-3636

Police East Side Neighborhood Center 521 NE 165 St (206) 363-8424

GOING ON VACATION?

Everyone looks forward to taking vacations. Unfortunately, this can be an opportune time for a burglar to strike, especially if there are "telltale" signs your home is unoccupied. Whether you're gone for a day or a couple weeks, take the following precautions:

- Check all doors and windows to make certain they are securely locked. If any locks need to be replaced or reinforced, make these improvements before you leave.
- Use automatic timers on interior lights. A timer can also be used on a portable radio.
- Use photo electric cells (which screw into the light socket) on exterior lights. These devices will automatically turn lights on/off depending on the level of darkness.
- Make sure items such as children's toys, ladders, lawn furniture etc. are put away.
- A trusted neighbor or friend should be informed of your vacation plans, when you're leaving and your expected return date.
- A trusted neighbor or friend can be given a key to your home so that the position of curtains, drapes or blinds can be changed. Also ask that newspapers, mail be picked up or stopped.
- Inform trusted neighbors on all four sides when you'll be gone so that they can help to watch your home. Be selective in announcing your plans.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it's activated when you leave. Leave an alternate alarm code with a trusted neighbor or friend and show them how it operates.

Call one of the Shoreline Police Neighborhood Storefronts or the Main Precinct to sign up for the Vacation House Check Program.

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