

# **West St Paul COPP Crime Prevention Tips**

## **Protecting Your Vehicle/Property**

Vehicle/home break-ins are often crimes of opportunity. Few break-ins are random.

#### **AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Always roll up your car windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- Lock your vehicle in your garage, take the keys out.
- Park in a well-lit busy area. Avoid leaving your vehicle in an unattended parking lot for a long period of time.
- Do not keep spare keys in the vehicle.
- Never leave valuables or packages visible; take them with you or put them in the trunk.
- Don't leave your garage opener or vehicle registration in your vehicle.
- If thieves stole these items, they could use them to commit other crimes. Identity theft or break & enter.
- Leaving car chargers or GPS holders visible may alert thieves you have valuables stored
  in the vehicle "out of sight". Once criminals know there are unlocked vehicles in an area,
  they will keep coming back. Be a good neighbour; don't give thieves a reason to visit
  your neighbourhood.
- Report any suspicious activity to the RCMP and to COPP: email to: <u>info@wspcopp.com</u>
   This info is shared with other COPP volunteers and different COPP groups

#### **HOME PREVENTION TIPS:**

- Keep all house/garage/shed doors locked at all times.
- Keep property well lit at night. Install dusk to dawn sensors
- Maximize visibility of your property so intruders don't have a place to hide. Trim brush/trees.
- Install trailer locks
- Don't leave garden tractors/equipment/bikes/ATV's and any other items clearly visible.

### PROTECT YOURSELF ... HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY

Consider joining the Citizen on Patrol Program to help deter criminal activity
West St Paul COPP (Citizens on Patrol Program) email: info@wspcopp.com
Visit the WSP COPP link at www.weststpaul.com