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The Desk of Your Area 10 PAR Officer



Hello Everyone. My name is Officer Patty Southwick and I am your PAR ([Police Area Representative](#)) Officer for Area 10. I am looking forward to the opportunity we, as a community, have to work together toward the goal of improving the quality of life within our community. My desk/office telephone number is 303-739-1826 and my email address is psouthwi@auroragov.org. My work schedule will be Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feel free to contact me by phone or email with any Community Policing or PAR related issues. I will be providing this newsletter to you on a monthly basis. It will include the basic crime statistics for area 10 from the previous month, crime prevention tips, and meeting notices.

Helpful Hyperlinks



In this information age, we are doing our best to provide you with timely and accurate information about news in Aurora. Did you know you can read news releases and important information from the police department at the same time that the local news stations get it from us? Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We send out all our important stories and information through these social media sights.

We understand that your time is critical. Save time by using this link to submit an online police report. You can file some car accident reports, theft reports, lost or missing property reports and even damage to your car or home. Simply follow this link and follow the directions.

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Police and Fire Emergency, 911

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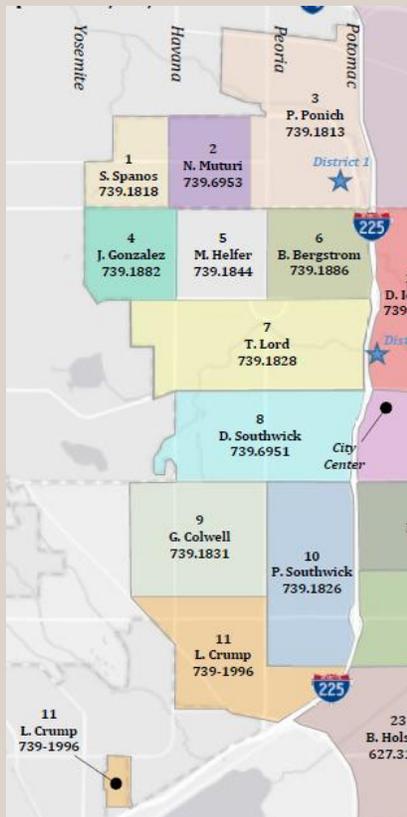
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I am pleased to announce that the Aurora Police Department will be utilizing Nextdoor.com in an effort to facilitate virtual neighborhood watch and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

This is a great tool that everyone can use to share crime prevention and safety updates, neighborhood events, and emergency notifications. The Nextdoor website is kept private to only those who live in your neighborhood and who have a verified address. More than 160 police departments are using Nextdoor.com in their cities as a successful tool to communicate with the community. This will give our agency the opportunity to post relevant information directed towards specific neighbors in the community as well as any information directed towards the entire city.

Make sure that you continue to use the proper emergency services to report criminal or suspicious activity. Please be aware that Nextdoor is not an appropriate way to request emergency services. You should still call 911 for any emergency or 303-627-3100 for non-emergencies situations. We look forward to using Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Aurora. Please click on the green house to register.

GUIDELINES FOR 911 - Speak slowly. Give as much information as you can to the dispatcher and answer all questions. Give the dispatcher your location and address. If you don't know where you are, describe your surroundings. Teach your children their phone number and address. If you call 911 by mistake, do not hang up. Tell the dispatcher there is no emergency. Do not call 911 if you hear an outdoor warning siren, need directions or information, questions about court dates or traffic tickets. [Please click here for more information about 911.](#)

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Crime Information

If you would like a more comprehensive list of events that surround your neighborhood you can always go to [Lexis Nexis Community Crime Map](#) and see what is going on. [Lexis Nexis Community Crime Map](#) has the ability to filter the following crimes: Homicide, Burglary, Robbery, Theft, Sexual Offenses, Assaults, Property Crimes, Alarms, Arson, Death, Family Offense, Kidnapping, Missing Person, Weapons Offense, Quality of Life, Drugs, Liquor, Traffic, Fire, Proactive/Community Policing, and Vehicle/Pedestrian Stops. Simply pull up the website, select the data you are interested in, along with your address, and it will pull up all the crime data for the time frame you selected. If there is a particular crime that is of concern to you please contact your [PAR Officer](#) and they will determine if they can release anything about that crime.



Neighborhood Info.

Santa at Stanley Event

Sunday December 16th

Stanley Market Place

2501 N Dallas St

11:00am – 1:00 pm

Bring your kids for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Hawaiian Holiday Concert

December 15th 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Aurora History Museum

Enjoy a holiday concert featuring students from our monthly ukulele and hula lessons. They will be showing off their skills by playing holiday music with a Hawaiian twist. The music will be accompanied by hula dancing featuring Langunero family and hula students.

Residential Security Surveys

Have you been a victim of a burglary? Are you worried you might become a victim of a burglary? Do you know someone in your neighborhood that has been a victim of a burglary? Do you want to protect your **HOME**? Would you like some helpful suggestions from the Aurora Police Department?

If so, then contact your local PAR Officer and ask them if they would come out and perform a Residential Security Survey for you. PAR Officers will take a look at your property. They will give you some helpful suggestions on the ways you can make your **HOME** a less desirable target for thieves. Even though it is not guaranteed that you will not become a victim through this effort. It is a great way you can help protect yourself, your home, family members and property. Do not wait call now.

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Crime Prevention/General Tips of the month:

Information from Total Security Solutions

4 Ways to Prevent Porch Pirate Theft

April 18, 2018 [General Security](#)

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The growth of online shopping has exploded over the last five years. As avid consumers, we love its convenience, but the increase in package deliveries has given rise to a frustrating crime. Our purchases often rest on our front porches like sitting ducks, easy targets for package-stealing “porch pirates.” While the concept of porch pirates is not new, their activities have increased dramatically. United Parcel Service (UPS) expected to deliver [750 million packages](#) during the 2017 holiday season, up from 500 million five years ago. Unfortunately, porch

pirates have seized the opportunity to cash in on this growing trend.

How Big is the Porch-Pirate Problem?

Deloitte’s [annual retail survey](#) for the 2017 holiday season predicted online shopping would exceed in-store spending for the first time ever. And while package thefts typically increase during the Black Friday-to-Christmas timeframe, they occur continuously throughout the year.

Nearly one in five U.S. homeowners have experienced package theft in the last year, according to a [recent survey](#) commissioned by Ring, a security and doorbell camera manufacturer. [Research by Shorr](#), a packaging products company, put the number closer to one in three. Nextdoor, a private social networking service for neighborhoods, has reported a 500 percent increase in posts about missing packages during the holiday months. Others see a connection between the rise in porch pirate theft and the [opioid crisis](#). Jamie Siminoff, founder of Ring, explained how rural areas are often the hardest hit by both package theft and the opioid epidemic. Package theft, often easier to pull off in quiet, rural areas, can provide desperate opioid addicts with quick cash to feed their habit.

How Do Porch Pirates Operate?

Porch pirates often work in teams, driving slowly and repeatedly through neighborhoods. Typically, one thief drives the car, while the other quickly scoops

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up packages and jumps back in the car for a quick getaway.

Some groups will follow a UPS or FedEx truck through neighborhoods, grabbing packages as they are delivered. Some skip this step and break into parked delivery trucks.

According to [Orange County police](#) reports, these thieves often come from out of town. They target multiple communities at different socioeconomic levels – not just the upscale neighborhoods.

Most often, porch pirates attempt to quickly sell the stolen items, even online, ironically.

How To Protect Yourself Against Porch Pirate Theft

The good news? Delivery and home security companies offer a number of options to help you reduce your chances of becoming a porch pirate victim.

1. Invest in Home Security

- Install a security camera or doorbell cam, such as models by [Nest](#) and [Ring](#), by your front door
- Post a warning sign that your front porch is under surveillance
- Place a locked parcel box near your mailbox or front door
- Install motion-censored outdoor lighting
- Sign up for [Amazon Key](#), a service that allows you to monitor your door

remotely, allow for keyless entry and set up secure in-home Amazon delivery

2. Consider Alternate Shipping Destinations

- Ship your packages to a location where you'll be during the day, such as your work address
- Take advantage of secure location services offered by package delivery companies. Amazon, for example, will ship your packages to an [Amazon Locker](#) or [Amazon Pickup Location](#). UPS partners with local businesses and can ship your packages to these [UPS Access Point](#) locations, or to an official UPS store. Similarly, you can have your FedEx packages held at a nearby [FedEx office](#) for pickup at your convenience.

3. Customize Your Delivery

Most major package delivery companies will accept special delivery instructions to help ensure your package ends up in your hands and not those of a porch pirate:

- Customize home delivery to fit your schedule, using services such as [FedEx Delivery Manager](#)
- Provide special instructions, for example, “place package on back porch”
- Redirect packages to an alternate location, for example, a vacation house

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- Schedule an exact delivery date using services such as the United States Postal Service (USPS) [Priority Mail Express](#)
- Consider secure services, such as USPS Registered Mail or FedEx signature required

Crime Stats Area 10–10/29 to 11/25

Residential Burglary - 4
Commercial Burglary - 3
Motor Vehicle Theft/Attempt/Recovery - 6
Larceny From Auto – 4
Robbery – 3

4. Enlist Help from Neighbors

You can always stick with the simple, time-tested alternative of relying on trusted neighbors. Ask them to check for and store your packages during the day or when you're on vacation.

What To Do If Your Package Gets Stolen

If you're a victim of porch pirate theft, report the problem to local law enforcement, supplying the officers with security camera footage, if available. Even if your package is a low-value item, reporting the problem can help police to uncover larger theft operations. Also, be sure to contact the retailer or delivery company to see if you can get a refund – Amazon will often ship a replacement at no charge – or some type of compensation.

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