



Police Department News Release



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ROWLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT REMIND CITIZENS SUMMERTIME CAN MEAN AN INCREASE IN CRIME

Rowlett, TX- Warm weather is here and that means vacations, ball games, open doors and windows, etc. It also means an increase in property crimes – especially burglaries of homes and cars. Always lock your car and never leave keys, garage door openers, or valuable items inside. Don't make it easy on thieves. Keep your garage door closed, even if you're working in the yard. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to grab your lawn mower, tools, or golf clubs from the garage, alleys provide a quick and easy escape for these individuals.

If you're going away on vacation, have a trusted neighbor collect your mail and newspaper and take care of your lawn. Use timers on lights and televisions to give a lived-in appearance. Complete a vacation house-watch request and turn it in to the police department. Be a good neighbor; be aware of activity in your neighborhood and call the police immediately if something seems suspicious.

Chief Matt Walling- "The partnership we enjoy with the community allows the Police Department to be much more effective in fighting crime, this was shown last year when crime dropped in Rowlett by over 9%. Citizens play a big part in making Rowlett a safe place to live. Protect yourself and your property by following these basic tips that we have provided. "

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