LOCK CAR DOORS AND CLOSE GARAGE DOORS
Almost every community in Dane County is experiencing a high number of thefts from vehicles, burglaries to residences and stolen autos. Almost all of these incidents are the result of unlocked cars and/or open garage doors. Multiple people have been arrested in Waunakee and other Dane County communities, but it has not slowed crime.

3 vehicles were stolen in Waunakee in August. Two vehicles were taken from the same residence. The vehicles had been parked unlocked in the driveway. The garage door opener was used to gain access to the house and the thieves retrieved the keys and stole laptops. One vehicle was later used in burglaries/thefts in Mount Horeb until the suspects were interrupted while in the process of burglarizing a home. The suspects fled in the stolen vehicle and were later pursued by Verona Police for a short distance before the pursuit was terminated. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Madison. The other stolen vehicle has not been recovered at this point.

The third stolen vehicle had been parked on the lawn of a home unlocked and with the keys inside. That vehicle was used in multiple burglaries in Westport and Jefferson County. The vehicle was recovered and the suspect, a 22 year old male with a lengthy criminal history, is in custody facing multiple charges.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE:
1. Lock car doors of vehicles parked in the driveway or on the street
2. Keep your garage door closed when not outside, and especially after dark
3. Lock the walk in door from your garage to your house overnight
4. If you see your neighbor’s garage door open after dark, please call, text or stop and tell your neighbor their garage door is open. It only takes a thief a minute to go through your unlocked car.
**Cops on a Rooftop**
On August 16 Waunakee Police Officers participated in Cops on a Rooftop Dunkin Donuts. The event raises money for Special Olympics. Officers collected $1,550 in just over four hours.

**National Night Out**
Waunakee Police held National Night Out on August 7 at Village Park on Main Street. The weather was great and a large crowd attended. Along with Waunakee Police, Officers from Madison, Deforest, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources were in attendance.
Attempted Fraud
A Waunakee couple reported that they received a fraud call with caller ID showing Waunakee PD. The caller indicated they were good customers and were going to be rewarded regarding their credit card. This is not the first time a resident has received a phone call with caller ID showing Waunakee Police.

Waunakee Police does not work on behalf of any company and we will never call to solicit money from anyone. If there is ever a question whether someone is an actual Waunakee Police employee, ask for the officer’s name and then discontinue the call. Then, call our main line at 849-4523 and ask for the officer you just spoke with.

Back to School
School is back in session. Please slow down and plan for extra time as you travel through school zones during pick up and drop off. Waunakee Police will be providing extra patrols around the schools to ensure everyone stays safe.

Facebook
Please “like” our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

Questions can be sent to newsletter@waunakeepd.org. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.