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“Morgantown Police Reminds Everyone about Safety this Summer”

With the approach of summer, the Morgantown Police Department and the City of Morgantown want to take a moment to remind everyone to be safe this summer.

When going on vacation or going to be away from your residence for any periods of time:

- Make arrangements for someone to collect your newspapers and mail
- Make arrangements to have someone cut your grass
- Make arrangements for someone to randomly check on your residence to make sure it is secure

Security around your house:

- Trim shrubbery so that your windows are not obscured
- Install motion sensitive lights on the exterior of your residence
- Install 1 inch throw deadbolt locks on your exterior doors
- Install track bars if you have sliding glass doors

Security in your house:

- Make sure your house looks occupied at all times
- Install timers on some of your lamps
- Utilize an attached safe or safety deposit box for expensive or important valuables
- Record the serial numbers to electronics, firearms and other items and have the numbers secured away from your residence

Recently the activities of the Neighborhood Watch have been combined with the Neighborhood Associations. Officers for the neighborhood attend the meetings and are available to help address situations that may arise close to home. Crime Prevention is everyone’s job, and you can help to make your neighborhood safer by sharing issues you may notice at neighborhood association meetings.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston, Chief of Police