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*Message from the desk of
Commander Levi Anaya:*

Auto thefts have shown a constant increase in frequency over the last couple of years. There are several reasons for this trend, as well as several methods of deterrence. Auto theft is a popular crime to commit because almost everyone has a vehicle, making it an easy crime for opportunists to commit. Furthermore, most auto thieves are able to get into vehicles quickly, easily, and without detection. Without doubt, this type of crime yields high rewards for criminals when they know severe consequences are unlikely.

There are several methods that can be utilized to deter auto thefts from occurring. Consider where you park at malls or parking lots away from home. Criminals

avoid detection by picking out vehicles in dark places, vehicles surrounded and away from major thoroughfares, and vehicles that are parked outside in the early morning hours when most people sleep. It is always wise to illuminate your vehicles outside with as much light as possible, within view of windows or those of your neighbors. Various types of security are available for vehicles, none of which are foolproof. However, utilizing any of these forms of security (alarms, the club, etc) can slow down or frustrate auto thieves, causing them to move to an easier target.

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Upcoming Events

January 22
East Gateway Coalition
of Associations Annual
Meeting Manzano Mesa
Multigenerational Center
6:30pm- 8:10pm

January 24
Neighborhood
Association Patrol
Training
For information contact
Pete Gelabert at
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1/16/09.

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Never start your vehicle and leave it running unattended. We have had numerous press releases on this topic, yet many vehicles are still stolen unnecessarily when they are left unattended. Similarly, do not leave valuables or garage door openers in parked vehicles, as this could lead to burglaries in addition to vehicles being stolen. Auto theft is a crime of opportunity; if it looks easy to steal, they will try to take it. By making your vehicle less palatable to potential thieves, take easy steps in order to avoid being a victim.



Please visit our website at <http://www.cabq.gov/police/index.html>

Foothills Area Command Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit

The Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit enforces Albuquerque's Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. This ordinance protects our cities citizens from nuisance activity occurring in residential housing. Nuisance activity includes any of more than 80 crimes ranging from misdemeanor offences such as loud parties to felony crimes including prostitution, drug trafficking and gang activity.

A recent example of a Foothills CNAU investigation is 11101 and 11103 Towner NE. These two six-plex apartment buildings, both owned by the same person, were reported to CNAU detectives in October of 2008 by a neighboring apartment owner. This person was concerned because the buildings appeared abandoned.

Detectives went to the property and found that the buildings were indeed

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abandoned, with two units occupied by squatters and filled with filth. In addition, the electrical connections from the power poles to the weather heads on the outside of 11101 Towner were ravaged and copper wire was stolen. Thieves even went to the trouble to remove outlets in the apartments and cut the wires there and then pull the wires out the service area outside.

The owner of the apartments was later found to be away on business and unaware of the situation. In the meantime, the apartments were boarded and posted substandard. Before they will be allowed to house people again they will have to meet all current building codes and requirements outlined in the Notice and Order, a document CNAU Inspectors write describing the repairs necessary when a building is found to be substandard.

The Foothills CNAU team is Detective Billy Lovett and Inspector Larry Moya. They can be reached at 332-5240.

CRIME PREVENTION CORNER

Happy New Year. My name is Agripina Neubauer and I am the new Crime Prevention Specialist for the Foothills Area Command. Yvette Garcia, your previous crime Prevention Specialist, has accepted a transfer to the Valley and we all wish her the best in her new office. I look forward to working with the community in the coming year. I can be reached at the substation at 332-5240 or aneubauer@cabq.gov.

The Foothills has seen a large number of auto break-ins and theft recently and we ask that you keep a few things in mind:

* Although it is tempting, warming up your car in the morning during the winter can make it more vulnerable to theft; you should never leave your car running in a public place.

* If possible park your car in a garage or an area with good lighting and surveillance.

* Keep valuables in the trunk or out of sight.

Make note of your vehicle's year, make, model, license plate and VIN and keep this information handy in case of theft.

If your car is stolen call the Albuquerque Police Department Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) at 768-2030 to make a report. The sooner APD has this vital information on your car the more likely it is to be recovered.

Remember that more than half of auto thefts take place in residential areas and are most likely to happen between the hours of 1:00am and 5:00am.

Message from Foothills Impact Team

In October my team initiated a Tact Plan in partnership with area Neighborhood Associations to crack down on auto burglaries. Over 50 neighborhood watches and associations assisted in being our eyes and ears in the community. This was a successful endeavor that led to 6 arrests.

We would like to thank all of the Neighborhood watch groups for their participation in this action. We look forward to conducting more of these operations in the future.

We are continuing to make progress in regards to auto burglaries. In December 6 individuals who were responsible for over 50 burglaries were arrested after several vigilant citizens observed them breaking into vehicles.

Please remember to be vigilant and pass on any pertinent information to Lt. Ruben Griego at 401-9112 or Sgt. Trace Peck at 205-5790.

Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
Non Emergency	242-COPS (2677)
Crime Stoppers	843-STOP (7867)
Foothills Substation	332-5240
Weed and Litter	857-8060
Graffiti Hotline	768-4725
Code Enforcement	924-3450
Telephone Report	764-2030
Police Records	764-2025
Party Patrol	242-2677
Open Space	332-5254
City Information	311

Foothills Area Command

Supervisors Contact Numbers

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Day Shift

Lt. Ruben Griego	401-9112
Sgt. Richard Guzman	553-2239
Sgt. Nicholas Gonzales	553-2210
Sgt. Michelle Campbell	997-9145

Swing Shift

Lt. Paul Rees	553-2260
Sgt. Roger Banez	332-5240
Sgt. James Fox	250-7568
Sgt. George Vega	332-5240

Graveyard

Lt. Brian Carr	553-2271
Sgt. Robert Miller	250-2662
Sgt. Tim Espinosa	250-8731
Sgt. Victor Jojola	259-1533

Nuisance Abatement

Lt. Jay Gilhooly	259-3430
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Impact Team

Sgt. Trace Peck	205-5790
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