



## Crime Watch Newsletter

### “Lock It, Don’t Leave It”

Each year, \$1.255 billion in personal items and accessories are stolen from vehicles in about 1.85 million thefts. With these common sense habits and preventative measures, you can greatly reduce the chances your vehicle will become a target.

**Lock your doors:** While this piece of advice seems like a no brainer, locally since August, 2012 85% of the thefts from vehicles involved unlocked vehicles.

**Don’t leave valuables in your car:**

Don’t leave any bait for the thieves: stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight, or better yet, bring it with you. The evidence alone might be enough to pique the interest of thieves, so hide that too, including power plugs, iPod adapters, and navigation system windshield suction cup mounts (even put the cigarette lighter back in place)

**Completely close windows and sunroofs:** No, it’s not just because thieves might reach in through the gap and unlock your vehicle. Open windows will disable the pressure sensor in some car alarms, leaving the vehicle more vulnerable to break-in, giving a thief more time before the alarm sounds.

**Park for visibility:** Park in a busy, well lit area, avoid concealment from larger vehicles, fences, signs or foliage.



### See Something, Say Something

Each and every day the Centerville Police Department strives to provide **Exceptional Police Service** to our community. This can only be accomplished with your help. **If you see something or someone in your neighborhood that is out of place report the activity to our dispatchers, as it is occurring on our Non-Emergency number 937-433-7661 or if it is a crime in progress call 9-1-1.**

# Centerville Police Department Beat Map and Reporting Areas

