



## Campus Cops Corner

### ***-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-***

#### **Public Safety Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

My law enforcement colleagues from surrounding agencies and I recognize that we're suffering a rash "car break-ins" throughout the Pikes Peak region. This is rather common during the summer, but we've been victimized on campus too. Please read on for how you can help safeguard your property.

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#### **CAR BREAK IN's**

In July alone, we've had five reported cases of car break-ins at the Centennial Campus. All of the incidents have occurred during broad daylight and no one parking lot has been immune. No particular place in any of the parking lots has been more at risk than others. In three of the five incidents, doors were left open, unlocked, or windows / sunroofs were left open. In two of the incidents, the bandits broke a car window. In four of incidents, car stereos were stolen. We've also had a set of golf clubs and a purse (along with cash, credit cards, etc.), stolen.

In many cases, these incidents are "crimes of opportunity." The bandits are not seeking a specific target or product, but are content to take whatever is easy to get. You can help protect your property by following a few simple steps:

- (1) Roll up your windows, sunroofs, etc., and lock your car.
- (2) Don't leave high value items (purses, I-Pods, MP-3 players, cameras, checkbooks, etc.), in view in your car. Lock them in the trunk or take them with you.
- (3) Record the make, model and serial number of electronics which are susceptible to being stolen. If you're ever victimized, we can enter the stolen items into a police database which would allow us to trace the items back to you in the event we ever came across them again.

Meanwhile, the PPCC Campus Police ask for your assistance in being vigilant while in our parking lots. Do you see someone walking laterally rather than taking the most direct route to the building? Do you see someone going from car to car? Do you see someone standing in one place for no obvious reason (perhaps acting as a look out?)

If so, please call 502-2911 immediately. Tell us where you're at, what you see and attempt to give us a vehicle description (with license number, if possible). Take a look at the suspects and attempt to give us a description, (for example: a white male, 5"10," heavy build, wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans, and white sneakers). Try to stay on line with us until we get on-scene.

If you have anonymous information, you can call 634-STOP, and perhaps earn a reward.

#### Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: [www.ppcc.edu/alert](http://www.ppcc.edu/alert)

