



Campus Cops Corner

-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-

Public Safety Newsletter

As we all tidy up our desks and work areas in preparation of the Thanksgiving holiday, I find it a little concerning that we're already seeing Christmas and Holiday decorations spring up everywhere. Some radio stations have already begun their 24/7 Christmas and Holiday programming.

Even more unfortunate, bandits have already started their holiday shenanigans as well. Let me cover a few of the "heavy hitters" before we take off. Please see below.

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Holiday Scams & Safety Warnings

Here are "the classics:"

- **Too Good to be True:** Unless it's a winning ticket you've purchased from the Colorado Lottery, anyone looking to give you LOTS OF MONEY provided you send them a little, is trying to steal from you.
- **Internet Fraud:** While there are legitimate ways to save money by shopping on the internet, try to remember that banking institutions NEVER solicit you to give them info over the internet. Be wary of any commercial solicitation you didn't ask for, no matter how "official" it looks. Either ignore it, or if you're really interested, physically go to the bank.
- **Charity Fraud:** With the economy suffering worldwide, those Samaritans who work so hard for the downtrodden have found that their coffers are smaller than usual. Some unsavory types, however, have taken advantage of our soft hearts and solicited donations in the name of charity but then simply pocket the money. If you're fortunate and gracious enough to be able to help others this season, please do so with organizations with whom you're already familiar.

Hopefully you've noticed that all this could be avoided if we'd just listened to Momma' when she warned us to "don't talk to strangers."

For additional holiday shopping tips, see the 12/15/08 issue of the "Campus Cops Corner"

(<http://www.ppcc.edu/media/files/pdf/publicsafety/December%2015%20Campus%20Cops.pdf>)

Lastly, my colleagues with CSPD, the Sheriff's Office and State Patrol remind us that nine people died as a result of drunk driving over the last Thanksgiving holiday. They'll be running checkpoints and saturation patrols looking for drunk drivers. Please drink responsibly and have a wonderful holiday and weekend!

Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: www.ppcc.edu/alert
- Crime Stoppers
634-STOP (7867)
- Anonymous Reporting
www.SAFE2TELL.org
1-877-542-7233

