

National Good Neighbor Day: National Good Neighbor Day is observed annually on September 28. This day was created to acknowledge and celebrate the importance of a good neighbor. It is a blessing to have a good neighbor, but it is even a greater thing to BE a good neighbor. Good neighbors watch out for each other.

HOW TO OBSERVE: To celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, do something nice for your neighbor today. Use #GoodNeighborDay to post on social media.

PUTTING BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR INTO ACTION: Form a Neighborhood Watch group with APD Crime Prevention. These groups of neighbors who are trained in basic crime prevention principles, have contact information for each other, look out for one another and the block as a whole and report crime or suspicious activity safely are practicing being good neighbors each and every day. Neighborhood Watch groups also help local law enforcement by safely serving as extra 'eyes and ears' on the block. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch group on your block, contact APD Crime Prevention's Laura Kuehn at 768-2006 or your local substation's Crime Prevention Specialist to get a starter kit and form a block watch group in partnership with APD.

National Coffee with a Cop Day is next week!

Join the Foothills officers on Wednesday, October 1st at Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center starting at 1:00 p.m. for coffee and conversation.

Daily Property Crime in the Foothills Reported on Thursday, September 27th

4 Stolen Vehicles: 900-block of Pawnee St NE, 12200-block of Academy Rd NE, 600-block of Parkside Place, 700-block of Juan Tabo NE.

1 Commercial Burglary: 2300-block of Chelwood Park Blvd NE.

6 Auto Burglaries: 3 at the same address on the 10700-block of Academy Rd NE, 12100-block of Menaul Blvd NE, 500-block of Elizabeth Street SE, 1700-block of Eubank Blvd NE.

Entries: Breaking windows, damaged door locks.

Items left in unattended vehicles that were stolen: Personal papers, tote bag, personal information, purse, wallet, IDs, 4 credit cards, checkbook and checks, insurance cards, \$1,200 in cash, 32" TV, refrigerator, DVD player and remotes.

Quick take-aways: Leaving anything of value or with personal information in a parked car is opening yourself up to being a target for an auto burglary. Clear your vehicle of valuables, items with personal information and lock up. "Hiding" a purse under the front seat does not work – auto burglars know to check under the seat, side pockets, glove boxes and center consoles. The purse hidden under the front seat yesterday yielded a burglar the purse, wallet, 4 credit cards, the checkbook, insurance cards and \$1,200 in cash. The items that were stolen often lead to identity theft – a huge mess that takes the victim on average 2 years to clear up. Pare down what you leave in your vehicle when you walk away and practice good crime prevention in everyday life.