

APD Foothills has a new Neighborhood Watch group! Thanks to the residents on Cactus Canyon Trail and Greyleaf Trail NE for forming a Neighborhood Watch group last night. Special thanks to Linda C. for organizing and offering to serve as Block Captain and to Mary S. for being Linda's co-Captain. This is the Foothills Area Command's 15th new Neighborhood Watch group formed this year and our 151st active Neighborhood Watch. Thanks for serving as extra eyes and ears on the block and engaging with law enforcement - these groups really help our community.

To form a Neighborhood Watch: Contact APD's Laura Kuehn at 768-2006 or your local substation Crime Prevention Specialist to get a Starter Kit. You'll need to complete the Starter Kit, host a facilitation meeting, get a point of contact for the block (Block Captain) and the rest is simply about being in contact with neighbors and safely calling APD about suspicious or criminal behavior.

Daily Property Crime in the Foothills: Thursday, September 6th

1 Robbery to an Individual: Juan Tabo & I-40 - Female's purse snatched by 3 women.

3 Stolen Vehicles: 11200-block of Domingo Rd NE, 6100-block of Cortaderia NE, 800-block of Eubank Blvd NE.

3 Residential Burglaries: 12200-block of Academy Rd NE, 500-block of Tramway Blvd NE, 600-block of Marcella Pl NE. Entries made with stolen keys, kicking in front door and using a stool in the back yard to climb up and remove a window screen then break a window to make entry.

3 Auto Burglaries: 5700-block of Klondike St NE, 11300-block of Academy Rd NE, 3300-block of Juan Tabo Blvd NE.

Entries: Via unrepaired door lock/handle, breaking a window.

Items that were left in unattended vehicles and stolen: Wallet with \$20-30 dollars. A laptop and guitar.

Quick Take-Aways: Are You Giving a Burglar a Stepping Stool? Check your yards and what's over your back wall - are you providing a way up and over a wall to a burglar without realizing it? A 'stepping stool' can be a ladder, a literal stepping stool, benches, trash bins, stacked cinder/cement blocks, tree limbs,

etc. Take a look with 'fresh' eyes and remove anything that may be used to get over a wall into the back yard to reduce your odds of being a burglary victim.

Is Your Vehicle Like a Bait Car? Assess what you are leaving behind in your parked car. Are you so used to leaving valuables behind that you may be driving a virtual bait car without the APD monitoring devices? Laptops, wallets, college text books, purses, cell phones, sporting equipment, musical instruments, etc. are frequently stolen. You can lower your odds of being an auto burglary victim by removing the target goods that burglars love to steal.