



911 Public Safety Newsletter

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Keep criminals out of your garage and house



Secure your garage door

Here are a few tips to keep criminals out of your garage.

- **Don't leave your opener in your car.** If a thief breaks into your car and steals the remote, he has an easy way into your home.
- **Secure the emergency release.** If you are away from home on a trip, use a zip-tie to secure the emergency release.
- **Make sure the garage door is closed.** When leaving your home, don't just hit the remote and drive away. Stop to make sure the garage door closes and stays down.
- **Check the garage door before going to bed.** It is not uncommon for night shift officers to run across an open garage door.
- **Close the garage door all the way down.** A criminal can easily slip under a partially open door.

Start Neighborhood Watch

Neighbors play a key role in preventing home thefts. Homeowners that have good relationships with their neighbors are less likely to be victimized. Neighbors looking out for each other and reporting suspicious activity will help reduce crime.

Learn more on how you can start a Neighborhood Watch group typing in roseville.ca.us/NeighborhoodWatch

Secure your home

Here are a few more tips that you can incorporate into your daily routine to make your home more secure.

- **Padlock the side gate of your home.** If a criminal can easily walk into your backyard, they'll have a great place to hide while they attempt to break into your home.
- **Lock all your doors.** Whenever you leave home, make sure all the doors to your home are locked. This includes the side garage door and the door from your garage to your house. These are often overlooked by the homeowner.
- **Close and lock your windows** when you leave even if it is for a short time. With warmer weather you may be tempted to leave the windows open to let in fresh air. Open windows will also let in a thief.
- **If you have an alarm system, make sure to use it.** Arm your system every time you leave. Post signs to let a potential thief know that you have a security system.

You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of home theft by following some simple rules every time you leave home. Make sure to remind your teenagers of these rules, too. Don't make your home an easy target for a criminal this spring season.

Do not leave an invitation for burglars

With warm weather and longer days comes yard work. Many residents keep their lawn equipment and other valuables inside their garage. It is not uncommon for residents to leave their garage door open while they are outside working. This may be convenient, but it is an open invitation to a burglar. Even if you are out front mowing, a criminal can quickly slip into your garage and enter your home. This can happen in a matter of five seconds or less.

Roseville resident scammed on WhatsApp



Neighborhood: Westpark (Beat 7)
Date: January 18, 2023

The victim was contacted via WhatsApp and was told that his information/account had been compromised. The scammer said he could resolve the problem and return any missing funds. The scammer

convinced the victim to send an initial payment of \$289, but later informed him that several more payments would be required before the problem could be resolved. The victim hesitated to make more payments, but he was convinced that since he had already made one payment, there would be a problem if he stopped.

CRIME TIP: Spot imposters. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request - whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.

Upcoming events



Drug take-back event

Time: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.
Date: Saturday, April 22
Locations

- Maidu Community Center
- Sun City Roseville

Securely save those unused and expired medication for our next free take-back day. Sharps will not be accepted.



(SSN) to make sure your filing is accurate and complete, and you get any refund you are due.

Common IRS scams (from IRS.gov):

- **An unexpected email** purporting to be from the IRS is always a scam. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email or social media to request personal or financial information. If you receive a scam email claiming to be from the IRS, [forward the email](#) to phishing@irs.gov.
- **An unexpected phone call** from someone claiming to be an IRS agent, either threatening you with arrest or deportation if you fail to pay immediately, is a scam. In another variation, the caller requests your financial information in order to send you a refund. Report these calls and other IRS impersonation schemes to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at [800-366-4484](tel:800-366-4484) or online at [IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](#).
- **If you discover a website that does not begin with 'www.irs.gov,'** but claims to be the IRS. Forward the link to phishing@irs.gov.

Here are a few more tips from IRS.gov on protecting your personal information:

- **Keep your and any document that shows your Social Security number in a safe place;** DO NOT routinely carry your card or other documents that display your number.
- **Be careful about sharing your number.** ONLY share your SSN when absolutely necessary.
- **Protect your personal financial information** at home and on your computer.
- **Check your credit report annually.**
- **Check your Social Security Administration earnings statement** annually,
- **Protect your personal computers** by using firewalls, anti-spam/virus software, update security patches and change passwords for Internet accounts.
- **Protect your personally identifiable information;** keep it private. Only provide your SSN when YOU initiate the contact or you are sure who you know is asking.

Now is prime time for tax identity theft, as millions of individuals file their personal tax returns leading up to this year's April 18 filing deadline. However, protecting your identity is a year-long endeavor.

Tax Identity Theft

Watch out for this growing form of identity theft.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) started accepting paper and electronic tax returns on January 23, 2023. They also expect nearly all tax papers to submit their taxes electronically. If you are like many Americans, you are looking to get a tax refund. Be careful! Tax identity thieves are looking forward to getting your refund, too.

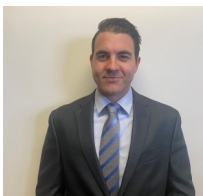
According to the Federal Trade Commission, tax identity theft happens when someone uses your Social Security number to get a tax refund or a job. You might find out it has happened when you get a letter from the IRS saying more than one tax return was filed in your name, or IRS records show you have wages from an employer you don't know. The IRS uses your Social Security Number

Meet Roseville's newest officers



Ian Thomas

Officer Thomas grew up in Auburn and previously worked with the Arcata Police Department for over three years. Officer Thomas entered law enforcement because he wanted to serve the community. He served six years in the Marine Corps in the infantry unit and earned his Criminology and Justice Studies Degree from Humboldt State University. His hobbies outside of work include reading, hiking, and baseball.



Kyle Leonardo

Officer Leonardo brings with him almost seven years of law enforcement experience with the Pleasanton Police Department, where he worked patrol, SWAT, instructed officers in "use of force," and was a Field Training Officer. Growing up in Tracy, he was inspired to follow his dad's footsteps into law enforcement. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from Union University. He enjoys cooking, barbecuing, sports, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his son.



Jonathan Jacinto

Officer Jacinto was a former Roseville PD Police Cadet. He also served as a Community Service Officer Corporal for the Sacramento State University Police Department and, graduated from CSUS with a degree in Criminal Justice. His uncle, a retired Chief of Police from Windsor Police Department, inspired him to dream of and pursue a career in law enforcement. As an officer, he plans to serve as a positive role model and give back to the community. He also enjoys working out, snowboarding, hiking and spending time with his friends and family.



Jake Solso

Officer Solso moved to Roseville from the San Fernando Valley in the fourth grade and wanted to find a way to serve the community he grew up in. He joins us with an educational background in Business Administration and Human Resources from Boise State University. He is now looking forward to an exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding career in law enforcement. His hobbies include snowboarding, hiking, fishing, hunting, and working out.

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