



MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP

For the Month of February 2009



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DATE	TIME OCCURRED (DAY/NIGHT/ UNKNOWN)	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non- Forced	LOSS
02-09	D	<u>SOUTH</u> 900 Blk S 37 th Pl	FE – (Attempt) Broken Win.	No Entry Gained
02-02 to 02-03	N	<u>SOUTHEAST</u> 16100 Blk 119 th Av SE	NF – Unsecured Door	Generator
02-08	U	16000 Blk 123 rd Av SE	NF – Unsecured Window	Collectibles, Jewelry
02-08 to 02-09	N	11800 Blk SE 191 st St	NF – Unlocked Slider	Wallet
02-11	D	11400 Blk SE 185 th Pl	NF – Unsecured Slider	Laptop, Cameras, Camcorder, Cash
02-12 to 02-16	U	10600 Blk SE 200 th St	FE – Forced Garage Door	Tools, Radio, Speakers
02-07	D	<u>SOUTHWEST</u> 200 Blk Thomas Av SW	FE – Broke Basement Win.	TV
02-06	D	<u>NORTH</u> 900 Blk N 30 th St	FE – Broke Window	Computer, Laptop, iPod
02-11 to 02-13	U	1200 Blk N 30 th St	FE – Pried Door	Compressor, Tools
02-13	D	3100 Blk Burnett Av N	FE – Removed Window	Cash
02-03	D	<u>NORTHEAST</u> 5000 Blk NE 9 th Pl	NF – Unknown	Xbox
02-03	D	900 Blk Ferndale Cir NE	NF – Unlocked Window	Xbox
02-08	N	4700 Blk NE 2 nd Pl	NF – Unsecured Window	Nothing Reported
02-08 to 02-09	U	1900 Blk NE 20 th St	FE – Broke Window	Camcorder, Cash
02-05 to 02-10	U	100 Blk Vesta Av NE	NF – Unlocked Garage Door	Sports Equip., Computer Equipment, Generator
02-18	D	200 Blk Jericho Av NE	FE – Slider Broken Out	Music Equipment, Computer, TV
02-20	D	3900 Blk NE 22 nd Pl	NF – Unlocked Slider	Credit Cards, Jewelry, Cash, Financial Documents
02-20	D	800 Blk Chelan Pl NE	FE – Broken Window	Camera, Wii
02-18	D	<u>NORTHWEST</u> 200 Blk Taylor Av NW	FE – Forced Door	Nothing Reported



There were **19** residential burglaries during the month of February, with **0** occurring at an active Block Watch residence.

With the economy in such a downturn, cities across the nation are experiencing an upswing in property crimes. Unfortunately, Renton is not exempt from these instances. In speaking with Renton citizens, they have also observed an increase, especially with residential burglaries and theft from motor vehicle.

We recently had an incident in the south end where a burglar chose “the wrong house” and got shot at for his troubles. We all have the right to bear arms, but there is plenty you can do to hard target your house before a burglar tries to get in. Here are just a couple examples (for a more detailed list of preventive options, email me for a free brochure: Cparks@rentonwa.gov):

- ✓ If you're going to be away from home, make sure to have a neighbor clear away any newspapers, advertisement fliers, telephone books, etc., from your driveway and front porch area. If debris starts to accumulate, a burglar will look at the “clues” and assume the house is vacant.
- ✓ If you notice unknown subjects knocking on your neighbor's door, and when it goes unanswered, they then walk to the back of the house – call 9-1-1! I'm still reading reports where these observations are made, but police are not called.
- ✓ Keep landscaping thinned and cut away from the house. Foliage can severely detract from lighting, and burglars will take full advantage of these hiding spots if given the opportunity.

A few tips regarding theft from vehicles:

- ❖ If you have a portable GPS unit in your vehicle when you park (be it at home, at work, at a Park & Ride, etc.) take it with you when you leave. This includes the suction cups that hold it in place. Right now, these are a hot item on the black market and hundreds are stolen every year in our city alone.
- ❖ If you leave valuables in your vehicle, and park in a parking lot, limited access garage, or sometimes even an enclosed garage, the probability of those items being taken are pretty good. Thieves have all day and night to simply roam around looking into car windows to see if there is anything of value worth taking. For them, a few seconds of work can be quite profitable.