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Region Four Newsletter

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Midlands Crimestoppers Fundraiser

On Saturday May 19, 2018, Midlands Crimestoppers will be hosting a fundraiser featuring Live PD at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds, Ellison Building. There will be several federal, state, and local public safety vehicles and units on display: SWAT, K9, Patrol, Recruiters, Ambulance, FBI Evidence Response Vehicle, Fire Trucks, and more. There will be several demonstrations: K9 drug detection, Bomb Unit, Drone Unit, SC Highway Patrol Roll Over Simulator, Cayce DPS Drunk Goggles Obstacle Course - open to licensed drivers, and more. The following food truck vendors will be on-site: Pawley's Front Porch, San Jose's, Karen's Mobile Kitchen, and the Columbia PD Ice Cream Truck.

There is NO minimum age requirement to enter the event. Parking will be provided FREE to all attendees. The event is RAIN or SHINE. There are NO refunds. All primary ticket purchasers are REQUIRED to have a PRINTED Eventbrite ticket with matching IDENTIFICATION. Tickets are NON-TRANSFERABLE. Updates to registration can be made at any time. This is a CASH ONLY event. ATMs will be available on-site. NO ALCOHOL permitted.

VIP/Fast Pass Attendees will receive the below fundraiser T-shirt with their purchase. The LIVE PD fundraiser t-shirts are available to anyone by going to www.scbactheblue.com no later than Friday, May 25, 2018. The t-shirt is available in short sleeve (black or graphite heather) in sizes youth large to adult 3X.

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

"It is our mission, as trusted public servants, to prevent crime and the fear of crime by providing excellence in law enforcement services, accountability and connections with our communities."



Capt. Odom

Lt. Zalewska

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Richland County Sheriff's Department offer Auto-Burglary Prevention Tips

Sheriff Leon Lott states that staying safe should be a priority for everyone. However, busy schedules, time constraints and routines often result in us providing criminals opportunities to make us victims. We would like to give you tips that can help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when it comes to your vehicle. By taking a few simple precautions, you can discourage criminals and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

1. **Keep your car visible** Park in well-lit areas, near people or with a parking lot or garage attendant on duty. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.
2. **Don't make it easy** Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
3. **Activate your vehicle's alarm** Don't have one? Factory-installed anti-theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break-in thief who likes to work in silence.
4. **Hide your valuables** Many smash-and-grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight – either with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.
5. **Hide your valuables 2** If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.
6. **Don't hand a thief your keys** Take your keys with you. And if you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.
7. **Stow your stuff before arrival** Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.
8. **Stash the evidence, too** After you've put your stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.
9. **Trust your instincts** If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, tell the attendant or report your suspicions to police. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break-in – or worse.
10. **Take it one more step** Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti-theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would-be thief from breaking in and trying.

Important Numbers

911: Emergencies and crimes in progress

252-2911: Non Emergency dispatch number

576-3000: Sheriff's Department.

576-3200: Alvin S. Glen Detention Center

929-6000: Reporting non-criminal issues, Ombudsman's Office

576-3115: Victim Services

576-3151: Civil Process

576-1864: Code Enforcement

What should businesses do to avoid counterfeit money transactions?

- Properly train employees on how to spot, feel, and visually inspect money.
- Offer a black light system or pen system in which the employees can check the money.
- Implement a policy and procedure for employees to follow on how to report counterfeit money.
- Offer training to keep employees up to date on the latest counterfeiting trends.

For more safety tips please contact the Richland County Sheriff's Department Community Action Team at (803) 576-3191 or log on at www.rcsd.net and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialRCSDPage>

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Community Meetings

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Lakeside Apts	May 2	3:00	Community Room
Ballentine Civic Assoc.	May 7	6:30	Ballentine Park
Arbor Oaks	May 12	11:30	5 Arbor Oaks Ct
Ashford	May 15	6:30	1918 Shady Grove Rd
Woods Edge	May 17	10:00	Community Room
Ascot	May 29	7:00	1104 Steeple Ridge

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1-888-CRIME-SC www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

Text: **TIPSC** & your message to **CRIMES (274637)**



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