



Security Report for Homeowners of Crestmont: March, 2014

No crimes have been reported within Crestmont since implementation of Intervention Group security patrol services.

Intervention Group Crestmont-assigned officers continue to increase their familiarity with the community and residents. We encourage all residents to make time to know your IG officers as we are preparing for spring and summer months with increased traffic and criminals seeking every opportunity.

IGI officer awareness is a key component in deterring unwanted activity; presence and fast response are top expectations. Residents enhance officer awareness when they know and partnership with IGI and we are pleased that residents increasingly show their trust in us as evidenced by the personal acknowledgments and calls received.

Homeowners notified IGI of an area where non-resident groups were hanging out and conducting unwanted and inappropriate behavior. This information provided the opportunity to remove these individuals, inform them of security patrol as well as adding to our strategy and patrol patterns to ensure this area remains free of these individuals and unwanted activity.

IGI responded to **25** calls from Crestmont residents regarding security issues; in addition, IGI officers escorted **15** non-residents to outside of the Crestmont neighborhood.

Home Alarms

IGI responded to 7 alarm calls. There was no evidence of criminal activity, but rather alarms resulting from sensor malfunctions or user error. IGI will promptly respond to any home alarm in concern of person or property emergency, but also in hopes that you will avoid a City of Oakland false alarm fine.

Along with "spring forward", this is a good time to check smoke detector batteries as well as consider having your alarm company check your system for proper operation.

Vacation Watch

IG received 14 requests for Vacation Watch during March. There were zero incidents of crime or attempts while registered homeowners were away.

Vacation Watch is an important benefit and you are encouraged to use the Vacation Watch service if leaving for more than 48 hours. If you are in need of a Vacation Request Form, please refer to your community website.

Garage Doors

Open, unattended garage doors continue to be an issue as IGI officers made contact with 4 residents to let them know that their garage door was left open. Open garage doors are an open invitation to criminal activity—please exercise more caution!

Vendors

Please use extreme caution when anyone approaches your home as a “vendor”. IG officers continue the process of learning repeat vendors, i.e., landscaping, but it is important you expect and know any vendor coming to your door.

Area Alerts:

Caution and awareness are essential to your personal protection wherever you are. Crime is occurring at all times of the day and more often includes the display of a weapon. Do not be afraid to cross the street or reverse direction but above all stay aware of your surroundings... ahead and behind you whether walking or in a vehicle. This incident occurred in Montclair:

The two female victims were walking towards the Montclair Parking Garage. They were approached by the following suspects who robbed them. At least one of them was armed.

Suspect #1) Male Black, 18-20, 5'6"-5'8", medium build, dark complexion, dark clothing--black T-shirt, dark blue jeans

Suspect #2) Male Black, 18-20, 5'6"-5'8", medium build, dark complexion, dark clothing--light brown jacket, dark blue jeans. Both suspects fled in Audi type vehicle, baby blue or pearl blue, sedan

Oakland Police Department

Maintaining an excellent working relationship with OPD is extremely important in delivery of service to Crestmont. IG will reach out to Captain Ricardo and the beat officer in continuation of our solid and respectful relationships.

Reminder: there is a Townhall Meeting for Area 3 on Saturday, May 10 at Bret Harte Middle School, 3700 Coolidge Avenue, 10:00 to 12:30. Meet your Area Captain and other concerned residents.

Please call 1-877-272-8765 for IGI officer response.