

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

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Per Sgt. Dave Egan, our neighborhood has remained quiet during the last few months. There is no crime to report. The main focus of crime for Frederick, on the west side of I-25, is still the Glacier Business Park area at CR7 and Hwy 52.

This is the time of year to remind everyone that the Frederick Police Department is vigorously enforcing the "puffer law." Cars left unattended, while leaving the engine running, is strictly prohibited.

It is also unlawful to leave cars parked on the roads of the snow plowing route during snow storms. If cars restrict the plows from clearing the roads, the cars are subject to removal by the Frederick PD. The route for Rinn Valley Ranch includes Rinn Valley Drive, Homestead Drive, and Cottonwood Circle (North and South).

Frederick PD has increased their traffic enforcement near the intersection of CR 20.5 and CR7. Drivers have been flying through that area without regard to the lowered speed limit.

Residents of Rinn Valley Ranch need to be aware of Frederick Town Ordinance 1059, effective 8-23-11, prohibiting golf carts from the streets of Frederick. Please keep this in mind at all times. Violators should be reported to Frederick PD.

http://frederickco.gov/uploadedFiles/Frederick/Government_Services/Administrative_Services/Records_and_Elections/Ordinances/2011/O_1059.pdf

Some safety tips:

- Icy conditions add danger to walking, driving and doing anything outdoors. Keep in mind that slower is usually safer as you approach stop signs when roads are icy. Consider getting and using ice grippers for your footwear if you plan on being out on icy surfaces.
- Space heaters for home comfort can be dangerous if they are placed too close to flammable materials.
- Visiting family for the holidays? Stop newspaper deliveries and consider having interior lights on a timer. The police department provides vacation house check service on request.
- Warming up your vehicle in the driveway? Keep an eye on it. Vehicle thefts happen every winter when thieves get into running, unoccupied vehicles and drive them away. State law prohibits leaving a vehicle unattended while running.
- Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.
- Properly dispose of expired and unused prescription medications. (The police department will accept these for destruction by fire, a much better choice than flushing them into the wastewater system or putting them into a landfill.)
- Keep emergency supplies stocked in your home. Have three days of food, water, and medications for all occupants. Have an emergency heat source that doesn't depend on the power grid.

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