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# CHATFIELD POLICE:

## DON'T BE A VICTIM!!!

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Just as Minnesota's weather shows its seasonal tendencies as the year progresses, so does criminal activity. In fact, as the number of warm nights increases so will the number of thefts from vehicles. This is a seasonal crime that is usually committed by teenage boys in the late night or early morning. It has been found that the victims of this crime almost all have one thing in common; unlocked vehicles.

Thieves look for vehicles that are parked on the street or driveway that are unlocked. The second thing they look for are items left in the vehicle. This is the most common crime that the Police Department handles during the spring and throughout summer. These thefts are not easily solved and the victim incurs the expense of replacing the items. The sad thing is that these thefts are easily preventable. The good news is that just a few simple steps can prevent these losses:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Do not leave valuables in the vehicle, especially purses and wallets.
- Do not use the trunk for safe storage if the vehicle has an interior trunk release button.
- If you use the trunk as a storage area, avoid transferring items at the location after you park the vehicle.
- Report any suspicious person(s) in or around vehicles in neighborhoods and in parking lots right away.

# Report suspicious or criminal activity right away! To be effective, criminal activity MUST be reported at the time it is occurring to be helpful to catch criminals or prevent crime.

The easiest way to report any type of concern, including theft from vehicles, is to call 911. There is no long distance charge and the dispatcher will notify the officer on duty right away.

The theft of items from vehicles is one of the most easily preventable crimes. The Chatfield Police is ready and willing to serve - please do your part in securing your valuables and report suspicious activity promptly.



#### ANNUAL DISCLOSURE NOTICE:

#### SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Wm. Hanson Waste Removal disposes residential and commercial waste at Fillmore County Resource Recovery Center and Olmsted County Waste Energy Facility. Demolition and construction material is disposed of at Veit Disposal Systems.

Note: Residents may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been disposed. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability.

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#### In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

Ambulance (Non Emergency)507-867-4446Police (Non Emergency)507-867-3331Chatfield Public Library507-867-3480



- Mon Apr 3rd— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Apr 10th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Apr 17th- Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Mon Apr 24th- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Apr 27th- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

#### MAY 2006

- Mon May 1st— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon May 8th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon May 15th- Heritage Preservation Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Mon May 22nd- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu May 25th- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

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