



# SANDY POLICE

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION

As a child I remember the day I received my first bicycle. It was very exciting! I gained some independence and had to take on some responsibility for my new bike. I didn't want anything to happen to it!

As adults many of us have bicycles that we enjoy for recreation. Those bikes probably mean just as much to you as my first bike did to me. I know you don't want anything to happen to it!

That's why it is so important to be responsible for your bike. High end bicycles today sell in the tens of thousands of dollars. It's no wonder criminals make it their job to steal bikes.

As a child who has a bike or as an adult who owns a bike please follow these tips to help prevent bicycle theft.

1. If leaving your bicycle unattended, whether you're gone for a few minutes or a few hours, always lock it up. A U-lock should be used, securing both the front wheel and the frame to a stationary object such as a bicycle rack, a post, a fence or a tree. For extra security, add a chain or

3. Mark your bicycle with an engraver to deter thieves and to help in identifying and returning a stolen bicycle. Use a unique number to you, such as your birthday backwards or telephone number. This crime prevention technique is referred to as operation identification. Contrary to what most people think, the Sandy City Police Department does recover many stolen bicycles every year. Unfortunately, we aren't able to return many because the owner doesn't have the proper information documented to prove that the bicycle recovered is in fact theirs.

4. Don't be fooled by thinking your bicycle is secure in the garage or yard. Garages are often left open and criminals won't hesitate to walk inside. Practice prevention; always keep your garage door closed and your yard free from items (including bicycles) that could be taken.

5. If your bicycle has been stolen, it is very important that you report the theft to the Police Department as soon as possible. Often times people don't report crimes because they are under the assumption that nothing can be done. If it isn't

## STATISTICS

<b>August 2015</b>					
<b>Sandy City Offenses</b>	<b>Alta</b>	<b>Bell</b>	<b>Crescent</b>	<b>Sandy</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assault	16	6	8	30	60
Burglary	7	5	11	27	50
Controlled Substances	4	5	7	52	68
Damaged Property	14	6	13	22	55
Embezzlement				1	1
Family Offenses	9	1	11	23	44
Fish and Game	1		5	6	12
Flight or Escape	2		4	12	18
Forgery			7	3	10
Fraudulent	4	4	20	16	44
Health or Safety				3	3
Kidnapping	1				1
Liquor Law		1		3	4
Obstructing Justice			1		1
Obstructing Police			3	7	10
Privacy Violations	4	2	6	11	23
Public Order	19	9	19	55	102
Public Peace	22	8	25	56	111
Robbery				1	1
Sex Offenses	4	3	2	5	14
Stolen Property				4	4
Stolen Vehicles	5		4	25	34
Theft	28	13	51	100	192
Traffic Offenses	27	8	46	141	222
Weapons Offenses	1	1	1	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>1,090</b>

**Alta** - 1300 East to the east border, north border to the gully; **Bell** - 1300 E to the east border, the gully to the south border; **Crescent** - west border to 1300 East, the gully to the south border; **Sandy** - west border to 1300 E, north border to the gully.



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