

BE THE "EYES" OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Wyckoff Police Chief Benjamin C. Fox has sent out an urgent message to township residents stressing how important it is for us to "Hear It! See It! Report It!" In other words, if you are suspicious about anything that you feel is out of the ordinary in your neighborhood, contact the police immediately. And attempt to obtain as much information as you can to relay to police, including a description of the person(s), a vehicle description, license plate number, and direction of travel.

According to Fox, you should be aware that burglars have become more sophisticated. They prefer to use fast, expensive cars, they tend to dress neatly, and they appear to fit into the areas they are casing. A burglar may ring a doorbell to see if someone is at home. If you answer the door, the person will act lost or ask for a non-existent person or address. Even if your home is alarmed, burglars tend to target the master bedroom and can be in and out of a home in a matter of minutes.

Residents should also be aware of criminals posing as utility workers or delivery persons. All utility employees will have proper identification and will not be offended if you ask to see their credentials. Fox cautions residents to be wary of unscheduled visits by utility workers or delivery persons with unexpected packages. If you have any doubts, report it.