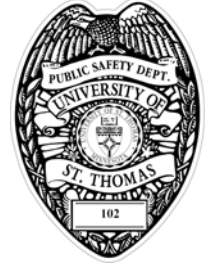


UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – NOVEMBER 6, 2009

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to advise the University of St. Thomas community of a crime alert issued by the Minneapolis Police Department 1st Precinct. MPD 1st Precinct encompasses the downtown Minneapolis area. MPD has advised of the following:

In the past several weeks there has been a dramatic increase in **theft from motor vehicle** in the 1st Precinct. Thieves are primarily targeting cars containing electronic items. There are steps you can take to decrease the likelihood of becoming a victim.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes is urged to call the Minneapolis Police Department at, or Public Safety at (651) 962-5100.

**Report crime confidentially or anonymously:
by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).**

Crime prevention tips:

- Do not leave bags and valuables in your car. It takes seconds for someone to smash a window and escape with them.
- If you must leave valued items in your car, do not have them in plain view. Keep in mind, even locking valuables in your trunk does not guarantee their safety.
- Record the make, model, and serial number of all electronic devices to increase the chance of getting them back.
- Always lock your car.
- Report crimes or suspicious behavior immediately to Public Safety.
- Do not wear earphones when walking alone, especially if it is dark. This potentially cuts off audible signals of threats to your safety. Always monitor your environment.
- Walk in groups – there is safety in numbers. Escorts are available from Public Safety 24/7.
- Don't take unnecessary risks. Stay in populated, well-lit areas.
- Remember suspect information, including direction of travel, vehicle information, approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos – anything noticeable.

If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (612) 673-2941

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