

PROJECT 365



Our Project 365 for 2019 is once again “Lock It... Don't Lose It!”, as it is imperative that we continue to educate our citizens about the importance of locking their vehicles to avoid becoming a victim of crime. In the overwhelming majority of incidents involving thefts from vehicles in our City, these crimes could have been simply prevented if the victim had taken a few seconds to protect themselves by locking their vehicle.

- The key to preventing theft from vehicles starts with YOU!
- Thefts from vehicles in residential neighborhoods tend to be a crime of opportunity since many people leave items in their vehicle with doors unlocked. Nobody wants to be a victim, but if you leave your purse, computer, tools or valuables within plain sight, you're increasing the risk that you will become a theft-from-vehicle victim.
- The message – if thieves can see it, they will steal it. A group of thieves can move through the area quickly entering unlocked vehicles. The vast majority of the time thieves move past a locked vehicle because they don't want to take the risk getting caught trying to enter it.
- By taking the few seconds to lock your doors and taking valuable items with you or hiding them in a locked trunk, you can dramatically reduce the risk of being a crime victim. Don't forget that open vehicles can also give the criminal access to your garage door opener or even a spare house key, not to mention personal papers that increase your risk of also becoming a victim of identity theft.
- Whether in your driveway or parked on the street, always lock your car, even if you'll only be gone a few minutes.
- Working together with the Suffolk Police Department as a community, we can eliminate these types of easily preventable crimes. Let's continue to be good, diligent neighbors and look out for one another. If a person, vehicle or situation seems suspicious, act on your gut and call the non-emergency number, 923-2350, and let an Officer investigate. If you believe a crime is occurring, call 9-1-1 immediately.

REMEMBER, AN ALERT
AND COOPERATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IS
THE BEST DEFENSE
AGAINST CRIME!

For information about scheduled events, or to find out how your community, civic league, youth group, church or business can get involved in National Night Out 2019, visit our website:

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Our 2018 celebration of National Night Out was phenomenal, with thousands of citizens coming together across the 430 square miles of our City at events coordinated and supported by more than 160 community organizers, volunteers, civic leagues, homeowner's associations, churches, fraternal organizations and business sponsors. With everyone's assistance, 2019 promises to be even more successful!



**GIVE CRIME
A GOING AWAY PARTY!**



Join us and let criminals know that Suffolk truly is united and dedicated to building a safer and stronger city! Residents in neighborhoods across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors and police on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Why not schedule a neighborhood cookout, softball game, "flashlight parade," ice cream social, watermelon-eating contest, or block party to celebrate? You're only limited by your imagination! Visit our website for more information, dates of local events, or to download your own NNO block Party Guide: www.SuffolkNNO.com.

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE.

Help bring back a sense of nostalgia and the feeling of safety and security by getting involved in National Night Out – a night when citizens of Suffolk are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for a crime prevention event. With millions of neighbors expected to join in, August 6th will be a night that citizens across America can send a powerful message that neighborhoods and police-community partnerships can change the course of crime in our streets.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime prevention awareness,
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts,
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Thanks to the hard work of the entire community, Suffolk's 2018 National Night Out activities received 1st place in the nation in our population category, making this the 13th straight year that we've finished in the top 5 nationally, and ranking us the highest placing City or County in Virginia in their judging categories. We have now placed 1st in the nation 5 times, in 2008, 2009, 2014, 2016, and now 2018 – let's continue this momentum and make this year the biggest and best ever!

