

**CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH/SABRE SPRINGS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
 June 11, 2014

A meeting of the CMRCC was held at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library on June 11, 2014. John Giltner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Official business was conducted as reported below.

| Members Present   | Members Absent | Members Excused           |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|
| Barbara Finn<br>John Giltner<br>Judy Hertzberg<br>Laurie Marcus<br>Cyndie Bradley<br>Anne Chang<br>Eric Edelman<br>Kurt Carlson (arrived after agenda and minutes approved) |                | Sam Rasoul<br>Dave Booher |

**Call to order and welcome by Chairman – John Giltner**

- I. Agenda – approval motioned and seconded; 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions (agenda approved)
- II. Introduction of Board Members.
- III. Approval of minutes from March 12, 2014 – motioned and seconded 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions (minutes approved)
- IV. Chair Report – Projects under the capitalization request will come from the operations and maintenance budget; community councils are now given \$500 per committee to use; unclear at this point what we can use this for; the last (Tony Kempton – could be used for web maintenance and copying); (POST-MEETING NOTE: email to Joe LaCava, Chair, Community Planners Committee on July 12, 2014 explained that the Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Community Committee feels that we are volunteers and as such, we will cover our expenses out of pocket.)
- V. Public comment - none.
- VI. CMRCC business.
  - a. Neighborhood Police Report – Officer Shannah Kanoa ([skanoa@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:skanoa@pd.sandiego.gov) – email; 858-538-8028 - phone) – 5 CMR and 5 SS car break-ins; one stolen in SS and one returned in CMR; resident break-ins in May – none; last 2 weeks there was one with breaking into a car in the driveway and one into a car in a garage (one was stopped); TJ Maxx and Nordstrom Rack shoplifters 19 year old female); schools will be out effective tomorrow; excess traffic for local graduations; reminder that <18 year-olds have a between 10 PM and 6 AM curfew; call non-emergency police number (858-484-3154) in case you spot “juveniles” out; vehicle break-ins are crimes of opportunity so keep things out of sight; for home, can also add an extra bolt to the door; police is aware of graffiti on 15/56 corridor (can call the graffiti hot line 800-829-6884; 619-235-6884); Also see Attachments 1 and 2 for useful information about prevention of auto theft/burglary and Permits and Licensing, respectively.
  - b. CMR Fire Station – Mike Howell (new captain) – Not here
  - c. Congressman Scott Peters (Hugo Carmona) – Not here
  - d. Senator Joel Anderson (Ed Smith) – Not here
  - e. Assemblyman Brian Maienschein (Michael Lieberman) – in the middle of budget in Sacramento; coming up on summer recess July 4, 2014 – he will be attending all the parades that day
  - f. Supervisor Dave Roberts (representative TBD) – Not here.
  - g. Councilman Mark Kersey (Lee Friedman/Myra Vazquez) – (See The Kersey Report – Attachment 3) Meeting with new Captain Zimmerman is in the first floor of the Rancho

Bernardo library; 1<sup>st</sup> responders appreciation barbeque; conditions are really bad this year; no structural damage on the city of San Diego (see report) terrible hit and run in Sabre Springs at Springbrook Drive/Mil Pitrero Road intersection; looking to see traffic calming measures to see what can be done to help mitigate the risks at the intersection. Lee Friedman is going to take on a new role in infrastructure improvements (goal is to not build unless we can maintain); Myra will be taking over for Lee.

- h. San Diego Planning Dept. Tony Kempton: Capital improvement usually involves construction
- i. Mayor Kevin Faulconer (John Ly): Not here
- j. Chair's Report: None
- k. Old Business: None
- l. Action Items: Elections – Rachele K. Melious (attended two prior meetings) motion to elect: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; Rachele is elected to the CMR/SSCC.
- m. Other: Reforesting presentation –urban forest re-management plan; reaching out to community for what do you need and then how you fund; San Diego is the only Mediterranean climate in the US.

VII. Adjournment at 7:05 PM.

**Next meeting August 13, 2014, 6:30PM**

(Meeting Minutes to be completed and then emailed to

[SDplanninggroups@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDplanninggroups@sandiego.gov), [TKempton@sandiego.gov](mailto:TKempton@sandiego.gov), group/office representatives and [gfairley@waltersmanagement.com](mailto:gfairley@waltersmanagement.com), along with the other Council members.)

## Four Lessons from the Bernardo Fire

It's not what we expected to deal with in May but the Bernardo Fire was a stark reminder that fire season is no longer just a few months out of the year but instead a year-round battle. That means none of us can get complacent in our preparations for the next fire likely to affect our region. Like many of you, I was evacuated from my home when the Bernardo Fire threatened areas of Rancho Peñasquitos, Del Sur, Black Mountain Ranch and Santaluz. It's pretty incredible that despite nearly 1,600 acres being burned in the City, no homes were damaged and no lives lost. It says a lot about how far we've come since 2003 and 2007 when major wildfires devastated our community. I learned several lessons in the hours and days following the Bernardo Fire that I hope we can all learn from because each of us plays an important role in preventing and preparing for wildfires.



*Getting a n update on the Bernardo Fire from Asst. Fire Chief Brian Fennessy .*

**Lesson 1: Have an evacuation plan.** Know what you want to take in the case of an emergency evacuation. Sometimes you only have a few minutes to gather your most important belongings. Make a list of pre-determined items, have important papers in one spot and plan for where you'll go—especially if you have pets. For ideas about how to prepare an evacuation plan, visit the American Red Cross "Prepare San Diego" website [www.preparesandiego.org](http://www.preparesandiego.org).

**Lesson 2: Sign up for Alert San Diego.** If you haven't already, sign up for the County-wide emergency notification system. Your landline is automatically registered but you'll want to register your cell phone and email as well. Sign up at [www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego](http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego).



*Taking calls from residents at the 2-1-1 San Diego headquarters.*

**Lesson 3: Call 2-1-1.** Let's be honest, it can be confusing when evacuation notices start to come in and even more confusing when they are being lifted. 2-1-1— San Diego has information from all of the different responding areas and can answer almost any non-emergency question like road closures and evacuation sites. It's important to leave 9-1-1 available for emergencies. Just dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit [www.211sandiego.org](http://www.211sandiego.org) for up-to-date information.

**Lesson 4: Check your defensible space.** Our fire fighters did a great job protecting homes from the fire and they said a lot of credit goes to residents who've heeded the 100-foot defensible space requirement. Cal-Fire said defensible space saved many homes throughout the region. Double check that your defensible space is maintained. Check out San Diego Fire-Rescue's Ready Set Go brochure on how to prepare your home. [www.sandiego.gov/fire/safety/tips/](http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/safety/tips/).



## Celebrate Fourth of July in District Five

As the holiday approaches, District Five provides plenty of opportunities to have a great Fourth of July with everything from veteran celebrations and community fairs to patriotic pet contests and, of course, fire works. Here are just a couple events taking place in our district:

- The **Spirit of the Fourth community fair** in Rancho Bernardo's Webb Park kicks off with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by a classic car show, patriotic pet contest, a memorial ceremony honoring our veterans and parade. End the night with a bang at Bernardo Heights Middle School with a fireworks show! Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. and the fireworks display begins at 9 p.m. For more information on additional events in the area go to [www.spiritofthefourth.org](http://www.spiritofthefourth.org).
- The **44th Annual Scripps Ranch Fourth of July Parade** starts at 10 a.m. at Red Cedar Drive and Ironwood Road and ends at Scripps Ranch Blvd. at Aviary Drive. I'll be riding the Wells Fargo Stage Coach so please come by to wave hello! Following the parade, festivities will continue in Hoyt Park from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. More info: [www.scrippsrancho.org/events/4th-of-july.html](http://www.scrippsrancho.org/events/4th-of-july.html)



The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate our community spirit so I hope wherever you spend the holiday, you have a chance to connect with your neighbors and meet new friends.

## Miramar Ranch North Marks 20th Anniversary

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, I proclaimed it "Miramar Ranch North Day" in the City of San Diego, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the first house in the community closing escrow on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1994. Miramar



Ranch North was designed as a twin community with Scripps Miramar Ranch and is one of three community planning areas that make up the picturesque neighborhoods of Scripps Ranch, which I am proud to represent. The first Community Plan was prepared by an exceptional group of Scripps Ranch residents and adopted by the Planning Commission in December 1979 and the City Council in March 1980. Today, Miramar Ranch North provides a scenic and unique lifestyle not found anywhere else in the country and has grown to meet the needs of its residents. This

community continues to make a positive impact on the quality of life in District Five and the entire San Diego region.

## New 5-1-1 App Features Traffic, Toll Rates and More

The new 5-1-1 app from SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments, is helping San Diegans plan a more efficient commute – especially for those traveling from the northern parts of the city. It provides up-to-the-minute traffic information to the cities of San Diego, Poway and Escondido and allows users to track real-time toll rates for the I-15 Express Lanes. The app also provides access to MTS bus routes, fares and arrival times. The free app should make utilizing the increasing number of public transportation options – including a new Rapid bus service – easier for everyone. Visit [511sd.com/app](http://511sd.com/app) for more details.





## First Responder Appreciation BBQ

Join me for a barbeque to thank our hard working first responders who bravely fought the Bernardo Fire and professionally managed the evacuation of our community.



**Saturday, June 21**

**11 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**South Village Neighborhood Park  
14756 Via Azul, San Diego 92127**

Presented in partnership with the Peñasquitos  
Emergency Response Council and Rancho  
Peñasquitos Town Council

For more information, email me at [markkersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:markkersey@sandiego.gov).

## Black Mountain Ranch Skate Park Gets Updates

Positive activities for our youth should be encouraged, and it's one of my top priorities while serving on the City Council to provide activities that will benefit our youth and the community as a whole. I'm pleased to announce upgrades at Black Mountain Skate Park in Rancho Peñasquitos, which include improvements to the previously existing wooden skateboard ramps and structures at the skate park. The construction has already begun and should be completed by November 2014. A special thanks to the devoted residents and City staff who helped craft this neighborhood treasure. Once completed, this will be a wonderful improvement for District Five residents to enjoy for years to come.



*One of several ramps under construction at Black Mountain Ranch Skate Park.*

## Meet the Staff: Patrick Bouteller, Chief of Staff

I recently had some staffing changes in my office so I wanted to introduce you to the wonderful people who make up my team and will continue to get the work done for District Five. I'll introduce you to more new staff members in upcoming newsletters.



**Patrick Bouteller** is taking over the Chief of Staff role. He previously managed the Government and Civic Relations office at the Port of San Diego where he implemented the Port District's first legislative platform, helped develop legislation critical to the region's water quality and regulatory sustainability, and worked on a variety of trade, tourism, and infrastructure issues. Previous to the Port of San Diego, Patrick worked in the California State Legislature. There he oversaw 26 individual legislative proposals that were signed into law, and worked on budgetary, water bond, public safety, and tax reform legislation critical to the San Diego region. Email Patrick at [pbouteller@sandiego.gov](mailto:pbouteller@sandiego.gov).

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**You're Invited to...**

# Meet the Chief



**Wednesday, June 25, 6-7 p.m.**

**Meet the new San Diego Police Chief**

**Shelley Zimmerman**

**Presented by Councilman Mark Kersey**

**Rancho Bernardo Library <sup>1st Floor</sup> ~~Community Room~~  
17110 Bernardo Center Dr. San Diego 92128**

**Also Featuring:**

**San Diego Northeastern Division,  
Rancho Bernardo Community Council and  
Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council**

**RSVP to (619) 236-6655 or [MarkKersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:MarkKersey@sandiego.gov)**



#### CURB PAINTERS:

**SDMC 62.0701** Curbs — Regulations for Painting Street Numbers (Regulatory-Notice of Violation)

The occupant of a residence may at his own expense paint or have painted the street number of such residence on the curb. No person other than the occupant shall paint street numbers upon the curb unless he shall first have permission of the occupant of the residence for which the numbers are proposed to be painted. No person shall solicit for the painting of street numbers on curbs unless they have registered with the Police Department as a solicitor. Street numbers painted upon curbs shall meet the following:

- (a) Street numbers may be painted only upon the vertical
- (b) Numbers shall be block numbers and shall be four inches in height with a stroke width of not less than one-half inch. The numbers shall be black and shall be painted on a yellow background. The background shall be of sufficient dimensions to provide a one-inch margin around all figures.
- (c) All paint used for painting of street numbers on curbs shall be of good quality and shall conform to or be equal to standard City specifications for traffic paint.
- (d) Under no circumstances shall the City be responsible for maintenance or replacement of street #'s painted on curbs.

#### PUSHCARTS/MOBILE FOOD UNITS:

No person shall sell, offer for sale, or distribute perishable food from door to door or from place to place by hand carrying such food on his person or in a container, transporting such food by means of a handcart, pushcart or bicycle cart, or by carrying or transporting such food in any other type of vehicle propelled by muscular power either human or animal (**SDMC 42.0101.2**). The small pushcarts utilized by some ice cream peddlers vendors are prohibited, mobile food units (pushcarts) must sell from a fixed location and cannot operate from a public right of way (**SDMC 42.0166c**) except pushcarts approved by the Development Services Business Center which are only allowed on public property in the Downtown Central Business District and Old Town. In all other locations, they must be in an area, which allows commercial uses, on private property, subject to zoning review and approval. Pushcarts must also possess a current health permit and business tax certificate. All mobile food units/pushcarts shall operate from a fixed location within 25 feet of a building in which are located toilets and washrooms. Written permission for the operators of the mobile food units to use the toilet facilities within the building shall be placed on file with the Department of Health Services, and the mobile food unit shall not be operated at any time that the mobile food unit operator does not have free access to the toilet facilities.

#### SOLICITOR MOST APPLICABLE SECTIONS:

- **SDMC-31.0121**-Business Tax Certificate Required (Misdemeanor) (Business Owner Only)
- **SDMC-33.0101**-Police Permit (Misdemeanor)
- **SDMC-31.0127(b)**-Possession of a Business Tax Certificate (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-33.1402**-Possession of a Solicitor's Permit Card (Employee) (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-33.1406**-Prohibited areas of Solicitation (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-41.03**-Health Permit Required (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-42.0101.2**- Perishable Food Prohibited (Regulatory)
  - (a) by hand-carrying such food on his person or in a container
  - (b) by transporting such food by means of handcart, pushcart or bicycle cart
  - (c) by carrying or transporting such food in any other type of vehicle propelled by muscular power either human or animal
- **SDMC-54.0105(a)**-Illegal to display Merchandise on sidewalk (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-54.0122(c)**-Vending Vehicles can stop only long enough to make a sale or while patrons are in line (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-54.0122(g)**-Illegal to sell within 500 ft of a school between 7am-4pm on school days (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-59.5.0807**-Must have a Sound License (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-59.5.0810**-Possession of a Sound License (Regulatory)
- **SDMC-42.0161(b)**-Selling or displaying of BB guns, imitation firearms, and toy guns (Criminal/Regulatory)
- **CVC-4462(b)**-Operating Commercial vehicle with passenger plates
- **PC-12550(c)**-Imitation Firearm (Misdemeanor)
- **PC-12551**-Sell BB device to a minor (Misdemeanor)

#### TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:

- **CVC-22526(A)**-Blocking intersection/Blocking Traffic-SD Traffic Court no time
- **CVC-85.05**-Obstructing Street-SD Traffic Court no time
- **CVC-27007**-Loud Music-SD Traffic Court no time

#### PARKING VIOLATIONS:

- **CVC-22500(a)**- Obstructing Traffic #21
- **CVC-22500( c)**-Safety Zones, Signs, Red Curbs #17
- **CVC-22500(h)**-Double Parking #22
- **CVC-22514**-Fire Hydrant #14
- **CVC-5204(a)**-Current Registration not displayed
- **SDMC-86.02**- Out of Stall #36
- **SDMC-89.09(e)**-Red Zone #7

## **SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT Vice Permits and Licensing**

- Vice Admin Phone-619-531-2450
- Vice Admin-Fax-619-531-2449
- Business Tax Certificate-619-615-1500
- Health Permit-619-388-2222
- Sound Permit-858-505-6666
- Fictitious Names-619-237-0502



### Rules and Regulations

- Solicitors
- Ice Cream /Candy Vendors
- Imitation Firearms
- Prohibited Areas
- Curb Painters
- Push Carts/Mobile Food Units
- Solicitor Violations
- Traffic Violations
- Parking Violations

**Officer Cindy Meyer 619-531-2436**  
**cmeyer@pd.sandiego.gov**

### SOLICITORS:

A solicitor is a person who goes from house to house, business to business, without an appointment, or to one house, street, sidewalk, alley, plaza, park, public place, by foot or vehicle, who sells or solicits for value of goods. They may work for themselves or for a business.

1. All persons working as interviewers, solicitors, peddlers or vendors of merchandise, services, magazines, etc. are required to obtain a Police Registration Card. When operating, the card **MUST** be displayed on the front of their person, and they **MUST** exhibit the card to any peace officer upon demand (**SDMC 33.1402**).
2. All solicitors **MUST** have a City of San Diego Business Tax Certificate or be employed by a licensed business. You may obtain a Business Tax Certificate at the City Treasurer's Office.
3. All self employed solicitors selling taxable property **MUST** obtain a Sellers Permit from the State of California, Board of Equalization, and file a fictitious name with the County Clerk (1600 Pacific Highway) if the business name is other than their own.
4. It is unlawful for ANY person to ring the doorbell of a residence, rap or knock on any door, or create any sound in a manner calculated to attract attention for the purpose of engaging in activity as a solicitor or interviewer if the occupants have posted on the premises "no solicitors." (**SDMC 33.1409**).
5. NO PERSON shall operate as a solicitor between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.} except by appointment (**SDMC 33.1410**).
6. **JUVENILES:** No person under 14 years of age will be issued a Registration Card (**SDMC 33.1405**). Persons under 18 years of age are required to have a work permit from the school district in which they attend.
7. California Civil Code, Section 1689 requires solicitors to provide a contract to buyers allowing a "3-day cooling-off period" for sales of \$25.00 or more.
8. Business & Professions Code, Section 17500 makes it illegal to misrepresent or falsely advertise ANY product or service.
9. **532(d) PC** makes it a misdemeanor to make false representation in solicitation of charitable contributions.
10. Information for Non-Profit Organizations: It is suggested that a solicitor, peddler or interviewer for a non-profit organization possess an identification card, and a letter on the organization letterhead authorizing the solicitor, peddler or interviewer as a representative of the organization. The letter should include a name and a telephone number of an employee of the organization. It is also suggested that the solicitor, peddler or interviewer carry a copy of the non-profit status letter from the State Franchise Tax Board and the IRS.

### ICE CREAM/CANDY VENDORS

Must provide a current City Solicitor Permit, Health permit, Sound permit, Business Tax Certificate, and a fictitious name, if the business name is other than their own. All self employed solicitors selling taxable property must obtain a Sellers Permit from the State of California.

Owners and Employees must have a visible solicitor's permit on their person. The health permit must be affixed to the windshield of the truck. The business tax certificate and sound permit must be in the truck.

You are not permitted to set up on a city street and must keep moving until stopped by a customer. No food, beverage, merchandise or services shall be sold or distributed or offered for sale or distributed from a vehicle on a street or highway unless the vehicle is first lawfully parked or stopped and then remains for no longer a period of time than is necessary to complete the "immediate sale. An operator is considered to be engaged in an "immediate sale" when there are patrons waiting in line for service. Operators of such vehicles shall maintain a minimum clear space often (10) feet both in front of and behind the vehicle to allow for pedestrian safety and safe sight distance for approaching motorists. No sales or distribution shall be made when the designated minimum clear space often (10) feet does not exist. You are not permitted to stop within 500 feet of a school between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days.

The only sounds permitted from your truck are music and human speech, which shall not be profane, lewd, indecent, or slanderous. Sound shall not be issued within 100 yards of hospitals, schools, churches, or courthouses. No truck with its amplifying device in operation shall be driven on the same street past the same point more than twice in a period of one hour. The volume of sound shall be controlled so the volume is not unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons within the area of audibility. You can only operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



### IMITATION FIREARMS.

It is illegal for anyone to sell or furnish a minor with a BB device without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, i.e. Air Soft, Daisy etc.; doing so will result in the issuance of a misdemeanor citation. It is the responsibility of each vender who chooses to offer any imitation firearm or BB device as an inventory item to ensure each BB device manufactured after July 1, 2005 is accompanied by a conspicuous advisory in writing as part of the packaging.

#### **Regulations for Imitation Firearms (12550-56 PC)**

**12550(c) "Imitation Firearm"** means any BB device, toy gun, replica of a firearm, or other device that is so substantially similar in coloration and overall appearance to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to perceive that the device is a firearm.

**12551.** Every person who sells to a minor any BB device is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**12552. (a)** Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### **PROHIBITED AREAS FOR SOLICITING**

It is a misdemeanor for any person to solicit, except regularly published newspapers, upon any city of SD street, sidewalk, alley, plaza or in any park or public places within the following areas:

1. Public Parks, Beaches or Beach Areas (**SDMC 63.02.13**).
  2. Tidelands of San Diego Bay except by permit issued by the Unified Port District.
  3. And the areas listed below:
    - a. That territory lying between the San Diego Bay and streets designated as the Central Business District.
    - b. That territory lying westerly of the easterly line of Prospect Street, between the northerly line of Cave Street and the southerly line of Cuvier Street in the La Jolla Business District.
    - c. That territory lying westerly of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad right-of-way, northerly from the International Border and easterly from Virginia Avenue to a point where the prolongation of Virginia Avenue intersects with the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad right of way in the San Ysidro Business District.
- Maps Upon Request**



## **If Your Vehicle Has Been Broken Into or Stolen**

If the crime just occurred and the suspects are there or running away, call "911." If the crime was not witnessed, call (619) 531-2000 for non-emergency police service. Pay close attention to anything that may have been left behind by the suspect. Do not touch any evidence. Depending on circumstances, the report will be taken over the telephone.

Be prepared to provide your license plate number, a list of the missing items, and their serial numbers.

## **Call 911 For Emergencies**

## **Call (619) 531-2000 To File A Report Anywhere in the City of San Diego**

# Vehicle Burglary and Auto Theft



# Prevention

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04/06

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## Preventing Vehicle Theft and Vehicle Burglary

In San Diego, many vehicles are stolen or burglarized while parked on the street or in unattended parking lots. However, there is an increasing trend of suspects burglarizing vehicles and stealing vehicles from secured parking garages. The nature of this crime makes it difficult to catch suspects. After the crime, there is often very little evidence. For this reason the best method to stop vehicle burglary and vehicle theft is prevention.

Prevention is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. By following the suggestions on this pamphlet you will make the suspect's job harder and remove the reason for them to be there in the first place. The goal is to make them stop victimizing your neighborhood through prevention.

## Leaving Property in Your Vehicle

The number one way to prevent vehicle burglary is to remove everything from the vehicle and lock the doors. Removing property from the vehicle removes the suspect's reason to be there.

## Parking Tips

Do not let your guard down when parking in a secured parking garage. Many vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries occur in these areas. Here are other parking tips:

- Lock the vehicle and roll up windows.
- Do not leave a key with the vehicle, especially Hide-A-Keys.
- Do not leave the vehicle running unattended. Many vehicles are stolen this way.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Use your vehicle security system.
- Use a steering wheel locking device.

## Be a Hard Target

Now that you know that suspects have targeted your area, there are a few other measures that you can take to help police.

Do not prop doors open or hold the door open for people to enter your apartment facility. Suspects are not breaking into secure parking garages; they rely on you to let them in.

Report suspicious activity. Suspicious people may be looking into vehicles, appear nervous, appear lost, circling the same area, wearing unusual clothing for the weather conditions (large jacket in summer time or gloves), or be acting as a lookout. When in doubt, call police. Most arrests start as a call from a concerned citizen. When describing the suspect to police, pay attention to details such as height, weight, and clothing.

Record serial numbers and mark property, such as CD's with your driver license number. Your license number is safe and your property can always be connected to the crime.