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WPD Launches Operation ID

Citizens can mark their personal property to help prevent burglaries

The Wichita Police Department today launched Operation ID, a program that encourages citizens to inventory and mark their personal property as a precaution against theft by burglars, it was announced by the department's Crime Prevention Unit.

"Operation ID allows citizens to more quickly recover their property in the event it is stolen by burglars," said Crime Prevention Unit Officer Jason Dautrich. "Burglars are less likely to steal property that is marked with an identification number. In addition, should a person's property be stolen, Operation ID provides citizens with a way to provide officers with an inventory and photographs of the property that will help police recover it more quickly."

Under Operation ID citizens can check out an engraving tool from any Wichita Police substation for up to 48 hours. Citizens then can mark the property with their Kansas Driver's License number. Citizens who have state identification cards instead can engrave that number on their property. Dautrich said a person's social security number should not be used.

Citizens also may go online to the Crime Prevention page on the Wichita Police Department website where they can download and print a form that will allow them to inventory and insert photographs of their property. "By using that form, citizens can have a written and photographic record of their property that will make it easier to recover should it be stolen," Dautrich said.

Citizens are encouraged to call their nearest police substation first to ensure the engraving tools are available. Those numbers are: Patrol North – 688-9500; Patrol South – 337-9200; Patrol East – 688-9300; Patrol West – 337-9400.

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