Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin – June 16, 2014

This bulletin is prepared by the Wellington Community Police Centre (1064 Wellington St., 613-236-1222 ext. 5870) for distribution to area residents to promote safety and security in our neighbourhoods. Please distribute it to anyone who might be interested. Any questions or information concerning safety or security issues in your neighbourhood may be forwarded to wellingtoncpc@gmail.com*.*

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2. **Break and enter thief caught**
3. **Laroche Park**

1. Thefts from vehicle

There have been reports from residents in the Civic Hospital area about thefts from vehicles. This is a reminder to keep your vehicles locked, even when they're in the driveway or garage and not to leave valuables inside.

2. Break and enter thief caught

The thief responsible for a number of break and enters in the Hintonburg area was caught recently, thanks to a lot of cooperation from area residents who provided police with valuable information that helped identify the perpetrator.

3. Laroche Park

This past Saturday saw a large gathering in Laroche Park of residents of all ages from the Mechanicsville area. The high turnout is a good indication of the effort residents are making to create a vibrant, safe neighbourhood.

Key Ottawa Police Service numbers:

* Life threatening emergency assistance or to report a crime in progress .. **911**
* Other emergency …………………………………………………….. **613-230-6211**
* Non-emergencies and general inquiries ……………………………... **613-236-1222**
* To have the police attend your location ………………………………… **613-236-1222 ext. 7500**
* To make a police report ………………………………………………… **613-236-1222 ext. 7300**

OPS and By-Law services base their work on call statistics. The more calls that you make, the more neighbourhood services we receive. There are three steps to making the call:

a) Deciding which number to phone.

If you have an emergency or see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If your car was broken into or you need police to attend another non-urgent situation, please call the "other

emergencies" number (613-230-6211). To report an incident after it occurred without police attending the scene, please call 613-236-1222 – ext. 7300. You can reach by-law services at 3-1-1.

b) Getting a report number.
When the dispatcher answers, it is a good idea to ask for a report number immediately. We've found that dispatchers sometimes hang up before we get to ask for a number or we forget. Asking for a report number right away solves these problems.

c) Share your report number and incident.
Please e-mail your report numbers and a brief description of the incident to your Block Captain (if you have one), or directly to us.

Importance of Reporting Prostitution and Problem Addresses
Neighbourhood Watch members can support the police by writing down and phoning in important information such as: vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers (specify Ontario or Quebec) of anyone soliciting prostitutes, descriptions of drug dealers and addresses of crack houses.

Graffiti
If you spot graffiti, call 3-1-1. Graffiti kits are available from your city councillor.