

Crime Alert

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MAPP Members,

The Ashland Police Department would like to make everyone aware of some break-ins, which have occurred in the Ashland business community. You may be aware that Ace Hardware was burglarized over the past weekend. We have no reason to believe that there is any connection between this recently break-in to any other break-ins in the area. There have been some issues with the security of these premises prior to the break-ins. We would ask that everyone in the business community practice security measures to prevent your business from become victimized. Here are some safety tips that we suggest—

- Prior to closing, ensure that no one is hiding inside your business
- Ensure that your windows and doors are closed and locked prior to closing
- Refrain from leaving rear or side access doors to the business open during or after business hours
- Verify that your alarms are working through the alarm company
- If you have security cameras, ensure that they are working properly to include changing tapes in VCR's or digital discs
- Keep the shrubs, bushes and trees trimmed, so they do not block the view of the business from the street or provide hiding places
- Do not block the front windows with displays the obscure views from the outside
- Make sure that your key holder information is up to date with this police department, if not, contact 798-1227 and request an officer to come update that information
- Report any suspicious activity to the police immediately, 911, if not an emergency contact 798-1227

If any business is interested in a security evaluation, contact the Ashland Police Department, Officer Tommy Gilbert, who will schedule a business evaluation for you.

We need the business community to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as a problem is observed.

If you have any questions contact the Ashland Police Department at 798-1227