

Community Survey

The Community Survey is available at tiptonconstables.org. The purpose of the Community Survey is to gather the thoughts and opinions of the members of our community. These are presented to our government officials to inform them of the needs in our community. If you haven't taken the community survey, please consider taking it at: tiptonconstables.org/survey

Results of the survey will be presented here in the crime prevention newsletter.

This Month's Driver Safety Tips

Tip #1 A yellow light is not an invitation to speed up. A yellow light means STOP. You're only allowed to drive through a yellow light if you are already in the intersection or so close to the intersection that stopping would be hazardous. The yellow light is not an indication for a driver to speed up in an attempt to beat the red light. Go for the brakes, not the accelerator. TCA – 55-8-110

Tip #2 What Bus?! Drivers must stop their vehicle for school and/or church buses that are stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers. Vehicles traveling in both directions must come to a complete stop unless the bus is stopped on a roadway divided by a barrier, in which case, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop. Vehicles traveling on the other side of the barrier may proceed when it is safe. Tennessee Law TCA – 55-8-151

Tip #3 Right on red? Be Careful! After coming to a complete stop and yielding to oncoming traffic, it is legal to make a right turn at a red light unless the intersection is otherwise posted. Use caution and make sure that any right turn is safe and legal. Observe any posted signs at intersections. Tennessee Law TCA – 55-8-110



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Points of Interest

- Know when to call 911, there's more to it than you think.
- There are ways to prevent parcel theft. Follow these simple tips to improve your chances.
- Something small that you witness might be the missing piece needed to solve crime.
- Successful crime prevention programs require the support of the community

Crime Prevention is a Breeze



Successful Crime Prevention Requires:

Every successful law enforcement agency is dependent upon its citizens for their support.

Every successful Crime Prevention Program is dependent upon the community accepting part of the responsibility in preventing crime in their neighborhood and city.

In the common goal of Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement and the Community are the two sides of the same coin. Working together we can reduce crime in our community.

As the weather becomes warmer, so should our awareness for crime prevention. To prepare for upcoming season, it is crucial for us to remind ourselves of crime prevention habits. Let's focus on the following: home, vehicles, and valuables.

Home— Open windows and sliding doors are opportunities for thieves to easily gain entry into your home. Make sure to check all windows and doors to see if they are closed and locked properly before heading out of the house. When you are finished with tools and ladder, put them away securely in a locked shed, garage, or storage room. Thieves can use tools that are left outside to break into the house.

Vehicles— It can be tempting to keep your windows down during hot summer weather. Do NOT do it. Even just a tiny crack is enough for thieves to get in and steal your belongings. Keep your windows up at all times when it's unattended. Remember to remove all valuables out of plain sight and never leave a set of spare keys in your car.

Personal Belongings— It is common to leave bags, jackets, and sporting equipment on the side lines or benches when participating in outdoor activities such as picnics, barbecues, canoeing, and basketball etc. However, distracted owners with unattended valuables are exactly what thieves are looking for. Carry only essential valuables and keep them with you at all times or ask a trusted individual to watch over them while you are busy.

See Something, Say Something

Have you ever seen something suspicious or witnessed a crime? Is reporting it to the police the first thought that comes to your mind? It may be tempting to just forget about a minor offense rather than reporting it, but the lack of action reduces the chance of criminals getting caught, which could lead to an increase of the frequency and severity of occurrences.

Reporting remains one of the best ways for residents to provide the police with an accurate understanding of what is happening in their neighborhoods. From that, it also helps crime analysts identify trends, patterns, methods, and hotspots, which then allows the police to strategically utilize and focus their efforts properly in order to curb or solve the issues in the neighborhood. By reporting, you can help and play a proactive role in preventing future crimes from taking place.

Never assume someone else will call in what you have seen. It is better for the police to receive information from multiple people than no reports at all. Everyone sees and focuses on different details and those specifics could help solve cases. Something that may appear small or insignificant might be the "missing piece" that the police were looking for.



**RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS ,
TAKE PICTURES, MARK YOUR
PROPERTY, AND STORE IN A
SAFE PLACE**



Parcel Theft Protection

Parcel theft is on the rise. Online shoppers should be aware that their packages may become lost or stolen and what they can do to protect their packages. No one wants to deal with the hassle of a stolen package as it often leads to a series of steps to replace it or get your money back, if that's even an option. Even though most delivery carriers track packages up to the minute, they do not take responsibility once it is delivered. While no one can stay home indefinitely waiting for their packages to arrive, there are ways to proactively prevent parcel thefts.

- Estimate delivery date— Most online stores provide an estimate date of arrival or a date range, make sure you are not away on vacation during that time.
- Schedule delivery date with courier— Contact the courier directly to schedule a delivery on a day that works best for you.
- Delivery address— Send it to a trusted friend or family member's address that you know are always home.
- Nearest access point— If courier only delivers during your work hours, have it deliver to the nearest access point and pick it up on your way home.
- Store pick up— Reserve it online for pick up in store when possible. This also allows you to check the merchandise before purchasing, to avoid the need for an exchange or refund.

Are you concerned about church safety?

Our Tennessee Constable for Munford is offering FREE church safety & security classes for our local church leaders. Please influence them to visit tiptonconstables.org for class schedules and offerings to make sure our community is prepared.

When should you call 911 without delay?

- When immediate action is required: someone's health, safety or property is in jeopardy.
- A crime is in progress or has just occurred
- A suspicious circumstance that may indicate an imminent criminal act
- Any serious medical problem (chest pain, seizure, bleeding)
- Any type of fire (business, car, building)
- Any life-threatening situation (fights, person with weapons, etc.)

Core Values

Integrity

Service before self

Excellence

Compassion

What's a Constable?

Constables operate as individually elected officers at no cost to the citizens or governments of the county. Constables supply their vehicles, fuel, and equipment. They stand ready to aid or assist all citizens and/or agencies within the county. The Tennessee Constable is a non salaried office!

The mission of the Constable's Office is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Tipton County by working collaboratively with area law enforcement, General Sessions court, and our community to prevent crime, enforce the law, increase mobility and target violent offenders for prosecution.

They supplement the county Sheriff's Office and local Police Departments. Constables are also at the disposal of the various fire departments, EMS units, and rescue squads as well as any state or federal agency which might have use of their services.

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