



# December



# Neighborhood Watch



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## Ways to protect your home:

- **Motion sensor lighting:** Motion sensor lighting is a great and inexpensive option to help safeguard your home. Lighting helps illuminate dark areas around a residence and allows people to spot suspicious activity. When lights come on, thieves are usually deterred.
- **Home Security Systems:** There are a variety of security systems available. Although an alarm system will not prevent a burglary 100% of the time, it does limit the amount of time an intruder is in the home. Residents who have security alarms are encouraged to post signage in visible areas outside the home as a deterrent. Most importantly, remember to set your alarm when appropriate.
- **Doorbell Cameras:** A recent popular security option has been doorbell cameras in which homeowners can view who is at their front door through their smartphone. These systems notify the owner once the doorbell detects motion and owners are able to see and speak with the subjects at the door. Such items can be purchased at local hardware stores or online.



## Protect your car this winter:

- Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes;
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home;
- Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle
- Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report

## It is illegal to leave your car running unattended!!!



### **Fountain Police Department**

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergent: 719-382-8555 or 719-390-5555

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# Winter Driving



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## **AAA recommends the following winter driving tips:**

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never run a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids.
- Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- Leave distance between you and the car in front of you.
- Know your brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS) and need to slow down quickly, press hard on the pedal—it's normal for the pedal to vibrate a bit when the ABS is activated.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- If you get stuck in a ditch/snow drift, make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of snow.



**If you really don't have to go out, STAY HOME. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can.**

**Don't tempt fate!**

