

TOWNSHIP OF MARLBORO

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RE: KEEPING MARLBORO SAFE

Dear Resident,

We are very proud that Marlboro has consistently been named as one of New Jersey's Safest Cities and last year we added yet another national title and were named the 6th safest small/city town in America. These rankings cite our school districts, community services, quality of life, and our low crime rates. Our safe community is a credit to our Police Department which has placed community policing at the forefront of its mission. Unfortunately, no community is immune to theft.

As you are likely aware, over the past several years, suburban communities throughout the State like Marlboro have been plagued by waves of car thefts in residential neighborhoods. Our intelligence tells us that the perpetrators are not a bunch of kids looking for a joy ride, but well-organized and funded criminal enterprises from outside of our area in which stolen vehicles from our town end up in containers at the port within only a few hours.

We believe that the increase in brazen thefts is due in part to a change in the state Attorney General's guidelines removing car thefts from the list of crimes for which police pursuits are authorized. In response, the Township administration has been in contact with the Governor's office and state counsel to ask that this law be rescinded.

We have ramped up Police Patrols but Marlboro consists of 32 square miles and we cannot do this alone. By working together as a community, we can help deter crime.

- **Automobile Thefts** – Remove all valuables from sight, take the key fob and lock your car. Virtually every car stolen was unlocked with the key fob inside. Additionally, an unlocked car gives access to your home via the garage door opener. Inside your home, do not leave your keys near the car or in an easily accessible location. If possible, park your car in the garage.
- **House Safety** – Lock your door and, if you have an alarm set it...even if you are leaving for a short time. A 'Ring Video Doorbell' helps police identify thieves.
- **Vacation Safety** – Register for a free police security check to request extra patrols while you are away. Request this service by reading the [WAIVER FORM](#) and completing the [REQUEST FOR SECURITY CHECK](#). Be social media savvy. Don't post requests that give away your schedule and wait until you are home to post pictures of your vacation. Arrange for packages to be delayed, delivered elsewhere or collected by a neighbor and do the same for mail.

- **See Something. Say Something. We Will Do Something.** We launched this initiative in 2018 and there is no greater deterrent than our community working together. If you see something out of place, call the police. The police are here to investigate suspicious activity and rule out innocent mistakes. Please don't hesitate to call.

Get to know your neighbors and let them know when you will be away so they are alert to suspicious activity. By working together we can keep Marlboro the wonderful place it is to live and raise a family.



Jonathan Hornik, Mayor



Peter J. Pezzullo, Chief