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HORNE LAKE – SUCCESS STORY

For many years our "off the grid" recreational community was hit by B&E's regularly during the quiet winter months when residents were not around. One of the main thrusts of our Block Watch efforts was to nag, encourage, and cajole our owners to engrave portable valuables not taken home during the winter with their BC drivers licence numbers. Sure enough last winter we had a spate of break-ins in one of our blocks. To make a long story short a local lad came home with a flat screen TV. Mom asked where he got it from and when she saw the engraved DL number she phoned the police. They took over and the resulting investigation led to a local house that was full of stolen goods, with the bonus that there was a grow op in the basement. The culprit was convicted and spent some time in jail. There has been a considerable lessening of B&E activity at the lake this winter. It is a tough sell to get people to do the engraving, but it can really pay off.

Source: Brian Jeffrey, Horne Lake

PROLIFIC THIEF CAUGHT

Homeowners in the Blueridge area had been reporting a marked increase in thefts from their vehicles in recent weeks. Members of the North Vancouver Property Crimes Unit were alerted to the problem because victims called to report the incidents, which had garnered attention due to the work of Block Watch participants. Their reports were analysed by Property Crimes investigators, who quickly set in motion an operation. Their strategy included prevention activities that were carried out by Community

Policing volunteers, and intervention and

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enforcement action by officers both in uniform and in plain clothes.

The operation exemplifies the successful integration of community participants, police investigators, crime analysis and targeted initiatives to address crime trends in the community.

Source:<http://bc.rcmp.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=230&languageId=1&contentId=18536>

SWIMMING SAFETY

Walk, do not run

Do not run around the edges of the pool. The area around the pool can be slippery when kids have been splashing around.

Be careful getting in and out of the pool

Be careful when you get in and out of the pool. If there is a handrail, use it.

Look before you leap or dive in

Shallow water, underwater logs or big rocks are all dangerous when you are diving into lakes or swimming holes. Diving head first into a pool or lake can cause serious injury.

Do not go beyond your abilities

When you go in the water, swim only where you feel comfortable. Do not go farther or deeper than you can handle. At beaches swim parallel to the shore, and stay inside roped-off areas.

Never swim alone

Never swim alone. Use the buddy system. Make sure you watch out for each other. Even when a lifeguard is around, it is best to have a "buddy".

Play carefully Wrestling and tumbling in a pool or lake can be very dangerous. Hitting your head against pool walls or floors, or rocks in lakes, can knock you unconscious. If you do not get help, you can drown very quickly.

Source:<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile39.stm>

EVACUATION PLAN IF WILDFIRE OCCURS

In a major fire, there may not be enough equipment, resources and people to reach every home. Once you have taken proper precautions to protect your home, protect your family by preparing for the possibility of evacuation.

- Keep the radio on so you can access information about the potential emergency situation
- Follow directions from emergency officials
- Minimize smoke inhalation in the home by closing all windows and doors. A wet towel along the window and door seams will minimize smoke even further
- Turn on outside lights to alert emergency crews
- Turn off gas at the meter or propane tank
- Take down light drapes and move furniture away from windows
- If you have a combustible roof, wet it down with the garden hose
- Review your family's emergency plan and contact information. Have a contingency plan in case you are separated during evacuation
- Pack essentials and valuables into your car
- Make sure you know the safe evacuation routes
- Find out the location of the emergency reception centres

Source: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/emo/AbsPage.aspx?id=1147&siteid=1&lang=1>

POLICE WEEK (MAY 15-21) FACTS

- The RCMP has 5 National Priorities: Aboriginal Communities, Economic Integrity, Organized Crime, Terrorism and Youth.
- Women first engaged as regular members of the RCMP in 1974. Today, the Force has 3,755 female police officers.

- Criminally obtained assets can still be seized under the Civil Forfeiture Act if not through criminal proceedings.
- Forfeited assets are auctioned off for cash and proceeds go back into our country's or province's revenue.
- Nearly 24,000 stolen/fake credit card numbers in BC have been retrieved by RCMP Commercial Crime investigators in 4 months.
- As of Jun 2010 the RCMP in BC had 2,137 people volunteering on Citizens on Patrol and 1,283 people volunteering as Auxiliary Constables.

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A FEW MINUTES OF PREP CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

“Safe Boating Awareness week is a great opportunity to remind people of their responsibilities when they head out on the water,” says Corporal Mike Schmeisser. “A few minutes spent before you head out on the water, can save your life.”

Boat operators are responsible for the safety of everyone onboard their vessel, including themselves. Basic safety equipment, emergency equipment, and a sober operator are a must.

While the exact equipment required onboard a vessel varies depending on the type and size, some common requirements include:

- One properly fitting personal flotation device (PFD) for every person onboard, regardless of age.

- A bailer or manual bilge pump
- A re-boarding device
- A buoyant heaving line

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