

PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFT & CAR PROWLERS



- **Always lock your vehicle doors and windows.**
- **Never leave your car running unattended.** Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATM's, convenience stores, warming up at home, etc.
- **Car keys left at home (or work) should always be hidden or locked up.**
- **Take care when parking your car.** Park in populated areas, under street lights, or where the car is easily seen by passers-by.
- **Don't pick up hitchhikers. Ever.**
- **Never loan your car, or your car keys, to someone you don't know well.**
- **Use care when selling a vehicle.** Don't let a stranger take it for a test drive alone. Don't accept a personal check for payment.
- **Don't leave valuables inside your vehicle.** A car prowler will break into your car for the change in your ashtray. An empty paper bag on the seat can be a tempting target, if a thief thinks it may hold something of value.
- **Love your GPS?** Keep it safe by taking it with you. And always wipe off the tell-tale ring left on the windshield by the suction cup mount – it's a big flag to car prowlers telling them you probably have a GPS inside – even if you don't.
- **Detachable face radios.** Remember to detach and take the face with you. Few prowlers are willing to steal a radio without the face.

