

# The Value of Home Security Systems

Winter Park Police are bringing attention to Home Burglaries. The video is comedic in nature (please enjoy) – but there is a very important message.

There are measures you can take to decrease your chances of being victim to a home burglary. Advancements, improvements and cost reduction has made technology a viable and effective options.

## **AUDIBLE ALARMS**

Burglars don't like audible alarm systems...once a window is broken or a closed door is pushed/forced open, a screaming siren alerts neighbors, sending the burglar on their way – quickly.

## **MOTION-ACTIVATED HOME SECURITY CAMERAS**

Most burglaries take place during the day, when homeowners are likely to be at work or school. With many systems, you can be immediately alerted if the camera detects motion. You can immediately evaluate the situation – calling 911 if you see someone trying to get into your home or inside your home (uninvited). “Smart” doorbell systems will notify you when someone is approaching or on your front porch. These security camera systems not only provide immediate notification to you, but also record images, which may be helpful to police in identifying a would-be burglar.

Many statistics have shown that burglars are less likely to attempt to break into a home in which there is a home security system installed. In addition, in the case of those burglars who do attempt a break-in into a home with a home security system, the likelihood of them being apprehended is

substantially higher than them getting away.

Consider technology to help keep your home safe.

**Always – if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, call police immediately. See Something, Say Something!**