

Louth Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

* Festive Update *



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Local News and Crime Prevention

2013 Community Safety Calendars

We do currently have a supply of 2013 calendars with useful crime prevention / safety advice each month. If you would like one of these calendars, please pop into your local station, or ask one of the team.

Frosty Mornings

Please can we remind people the importance of not leaving your car unattended whilst you defrost it during the frosty mornings! This is an easy opportunity for car thieves, don't give them the chance and stay with your vehicle!

Christmas is a time for giving, receiving and taking...

After Christmas, thieves will be on the look out for new valuable items which they can steal. To make it more difficult for thieves and easier for the Police to reunite you with your items in the unfortunate events that they are stolen, please ensure that you register all of your new items on www.immobilise.com and also mark them with a UV pen. We do have a supply of UV pens available should you require one to mark your new property.

Heating Oil Thefts

As people are filling their tanks ready for the cold winter, and the price of oil rises, this is another target for thieves. There are a number of ways that you can protect your tank, for example

Ensure that you have security lighting around the area where you tank is positioned. Low energy "dusk til' dawn lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious

activity. There are also sensors you can buy which alert you should the level in the tank suddenly drop. For more information, please visit www.lincs.police.uk



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Christmas Drink Drive Campaign 2012

Nationally, 25% of all road death involves the driver being under the influence of alcohol and last year (2011) saw the first increase in drink drive collisions since 2002. That means 1 in 7 of road deaths involved drink drivers over the alcohol limit. 1,290 serious injuries occurred when someone was over the drink drive limit.

Seeing a rise in figures is alarming and Lincolnshire Police are committed to reducing the spectre of drink driving that continues to blight so many families in Lincolnshire.

We will be visiting bars, public houses and clubs in the area to distribute beer mats and posters with our message. During December they will also target vehicles with leaflets that remind drivers of the consequences of drink driving, the penalties and the futility of trying to measure their own limit.

Lincolnshire police will be carrying out road side breath testing and, if applicable, field impairment checks (FIT) which will give an indication of whether a driver is under the influence of drugs. All drivers who fail the roadside screening will undergo further evidential testing at a police station, failure of these tests will see them put before the Courts for prosecution.

Drinking even very small amounts of alcohol along with many prescribed medicines and some medicines you can buy over the counter can be dangerous. Alcohol will multiply the adverse effects that some medicines have on your ability to drive safely. Look at the label on your medicine and the leaflet in the package. If you see a phrase such as "Warning: this medicine may make you sleepy", it is not safe to drink even a small amount of alcohol whilst you are taking it before you drive."

Darien Long, whose partner Valentina Planchinene, was killed by a drunk driver said, "The loss of loved one never leaves you, the sense of anger and pain is always with you. Even a small amount of alcohol can effect your driving - this has a devastating effect for the family left behind. Causing death or injury is something that will stay with you forever, even after you are released from prison".

Don't let it be you who spoils someone's Christmas this year..

Thank You

The Louth Rural Team would like to wish all of our community a happy and safe festive season. We would also like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last year!



USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

National Police Non Emergency Number – **101**

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 - Trading Standards 0845 4040506.

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