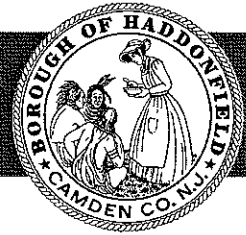


POLICE ALERT

HADDONFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Date: February 4, 2010
From: Chief John Banning
To: Haddonfield Merchants, Restaurateurs, et al

Subject: BREAK-INS IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT

In the past 10 days there have been a number of break-ins in the business district. All took place during the late evening or early morning hours.

In most cases, the perpetrators broke a small window adjacent to the front-door lock and, presumably, reached inside to open the door.

In at least some cases, cash was stolen.

In response, we have stepped up patrols in the business district by officers in vehicles (marked and unmarked) and on foot.

We urge business owners to do the following:

- Evaluate all external doors and locks (including locks on windows). Upgrade them if necessary.
- Arrange window displays so passers-by (including police officers) can see through them, into the store.
- Remove valuable merchandise from window displays at night.
- Display your more valuable merchandise near the cash register, rather than near windows.
- Turn at least one interior light on at night.
- Ensure that exterior lights work and that they are turned on at night.
- Ensure that alarm systems are activated at night. If there is no alarm system, consider installing one.
- Remove all cash (or notes and checks, at least) from your register each night. Leave the register's cash drawer open.
- Last person out ... Check that all outside doors are completely closed and locked.
- Discuss these and other security issues with your employees, especially new ones.

If you have specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Police Department at 856-429-4700 x 250 or e-mail me at <jbanning@haddonfield-nj.gov>.

In an emergency, call 9-1-1.