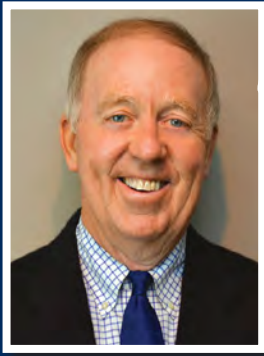


Public SAFETY



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RECENTLY ON FACEBOOK, WE POSTED A WARNING ABOUT

LOCKING YOUR CAR DOORS...

Pictured is a vehicle that was stolen from Whitehall sometime overnight. The vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys and personal effects inside. The vehicle was recovered later that day in Braddock. We also had reports of unlocked vehicles entered that day with items stolen.

These are crimes of opportunity, folks. Not much effort is needed to open a car door. Likewise, not much effort is needed to lock a car door. The second it takes to click a lock button is a bigger deterrent than you would realize.

Our Facebook community continues to grow, but we also realize not everyone utilizes social media. We ask that you share this message via social media AND through word of mouth. Spread the word: **LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS!** Talk to your neighbors, turn on porch lights, and don't ever

hesitate to call WPD if you even think you see or hear something suspicious, especially in the middle of the night. **That's why we're here.** Although WPD values the effect of basic patrol, we can't be everywhere at once. Let's work together on this!



MANY South Hills communities are experiencing an increase in reported sightings and encounters with wildlife. Animals common to this area include deer, turkey, raccoons, groundhogs, foxes, coyotes, and rabbits to name a few.

Most of the time, it is the behavior of humans that draw these animals out of wooded areas – like putting out a bird feeder or forgetting to put lids back on garbage cans. We realize these simple tips may

not be a cure all for wildlife problems, but they can certainly help limit nuisance encounters! To learn more information on how to solve or prevent wildlife problems please visit - <http://wildlifehelp.org/>

In addition, South Hills Area Cooperative Animal Control does provide humane trapping services for small nuisance animals, such as groundhogs and raccoons. If you would like a trap or need immediate assistance with a nuisance animal, please call WPD at **412-884-1100**.

