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Lockport Police Department Organizing Neighborhood Watches to End Car Burglaries

Lockport, IL – In recent months, Will County municipalities including the City of Lockport have experienced a staggering increase in car burglaries of unlocked vehicles. The offenders from several organized crime crews outside of Lockport and Will County focus on unlocked cars. Most burglaries occur between 1-5 a.m.

When offenders find an unlocked vehicle, they take everything of value inside. If the offenders find car keys inside, they will most likely take the vehicle. If they find a garage door opener, they have been known to enter the garage to steal items. Some offenders have been caught on video carrying a handgun.

To help address this issue, **the Lockport Police Department will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting on March 23 at 6 p.m.** in the Community Room at the Police Department, 1212 Farrell Road. This group of volunteers can assist the LPD with many situations. In the case of car burglaries, the LPD will work with volunteers throughout the City to stay up for a designated number of overnight hours and report any suspicious activity they observe to police, while remaining inside their homes.

The Lockport Police Department has increased patrol in residential neighborhoods. If residents come into contact with the car burglars, they are urged not to confront them, but instead call the Lockport Police Department immediately by dialing 9-1-1.

Law enforcement believes that due to the volume of car burglaries, the number of car burglary crews are also increasing. Residents are urged to please lock your doors, take your keys with you, and ensure that your family members do the same.

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