

A question I hear from concerned members of the community is, what can I do to help the police keep my community safe?

Whenever I am asked this question I am reminded that there are really good people living and working in our communities who are willing to pitch in and help out. If you are one of these people I want to thank you and give you a few suggestions.

- Be a good witness. If you see something that doesn't look right, call the police. It's better to call and have it turn out to be nothing, than not to call and have the situation turn out to be something really serious.
- Make it hard for someone to victimize you. This is as simple as locking your cars at night and not leaving valuable in them. The same goes for your home. Most thieves are looking for the easy crime. If you make it too hard for them they will leave you alone.
- Don't be scared. If you think someone is following you or you if someone tries to hurt you; make a scene and call the police. Yell, shout, scream.... kick, punch, scratch. Most bad guys don't want a fight. They are looking for people who they can scare and control. Remember, you are stronger and braver than you think you are.
- Support your police department and officers and never forget that they are special people who are willing to give their own life to save yours.