

Neighborhood Watch Crime Bulletin #67 To All Our Neighborhood Watch Personnel:

Our Latest and Greatest Crime Bulletin



Ocean Pines one of the 100 Safest Communities in the United States!!

SafeWise, a source for home security and safety advice, has analyzed FBI crime statistics from all fifty states and researched each city's public safety, public health, and educational offerings to determine 2017's "100 Safest Cities in America." Their data determined that Ocean Pines is ranked as Number Ninety (90) as **one of the 100 Safest Communities in the United States**. No other community in the State of Maryland ranked in the top 100 communities.

Needless to say, this honor is a reflection of the quality of our residents and the hard work of our police department and our Neighborhood Watch members. Safety is a tremendous advertisement for our communities, and I am sure our local realtors will promote property values with this knowledge. THANK YOU to all of you who work to make Ocean Pines such a great community.

Also, remember that we are not immune from crime, as the following criminal activity indicates, and that crime is a combination of both MOTIVE and OPPORTUNITY. Basic crime prevention methods, such as locking your vehicles and you homes, may eliminate the opportunity for a crime!

- **Sex Offense Arrest:**

After an investigation by Ocean Pines Police, an 18 year old female was charged with having sexual relations with a 13 year old male victim. By law, a child this young is incapable of giving consent to an adult for sexual relations.

- **Burglary/Assault on Officer:**

An Ocean Pines Officer was assaulted while investigating a reported Burglary. The suspect was charged with attempted Burglary and Malicious Destruction in addition to Resisting Arrest and Assault on the Officer.

- **Malicious Destruction Arrest:**

As the result of a domestic incident, a man was charged with Malicious Destruction of two different vehicles.

- **Fugitive from Justice Arrest:**

Police served an arrest warrant from Ohio on a woman who fled that state in lieu of standing trial for drunk driving.

- **Special Events:**

Police and Neighborhood Watch directed traffic for the Craft Fair, which took place in August.

- **Drug Overdose Death:**

Police investigated a heroin overdose death of a woman. Over recent years, this was the 13th time police and EMS had responded to her on overdose related incidents. Numerous interventions and referrals for her safety had been attempted, but her spiral downward was ultimately a choice she made.

- **Suicide:**

A missing person incident that started in West Ocean City ultimately ended in the death of a 76 year old woman in Ocean Pines. It was later determined that suicide was the motive of her death. This investigation involved OPPD, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Maryland State Police.

- **School Has Started**

The start of School for kids should remind us to be **EXTRA careful** along the Parkway and at our over SIXTY school bus-stops located in our community.

Take a bite out of crime. Join Neighborhood Watch. Call Jim Hamlin 410-422-2736

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