

# PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

5595 Black Olive Drive, Paradise Ca. (530)872-6241



***“We care about your Safety”***



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE  
 PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



# REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address Number Requested

\*Note: If your address has fewer than 5 digits, please mark an "x" in boxes not used.

### Mounting Preferences :

Horizontal  Vertical

Single Sided \$15  Double Sided \$20

Handicapped (Blue)

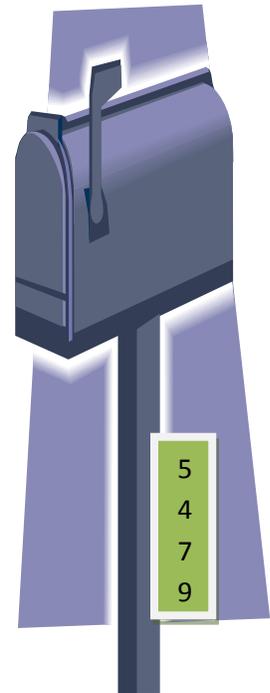
### Mail completed form to:

Paradise Police Department

5595 Black Olive Drive

Paradise Ca. 95969

- *Make Check Payable to: Town of Paradise*



Make your **Address** stand out, it makes it easier for emergency personnel to find you.



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE  
PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



## **Crime Data Available to the Citizens of Paradise from Citizen's RIMS**

### **What is Citizen's RIMS?**

Citizen's RIMS gives you access to certain crime Data from the Town of Paradise via the internet.

### **What Data is Available?**

- Incident mapping
- Crime Mapping
- Arrests
- Stolen Vehicles
- Media Bulletins

### **How do I access the Data ?**

The Data is accessible via either of 2 websites:

[www:townofparadise.com](http://www.townofparadise.com)

or

[http:// ppd.crimegraphics.com](http://ppd.crimegraphics.com)

### **What if I don't have a Computer ?**

A computer is available in the lobby at the Paradise Police Department for public use to access the information.



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE  
PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



# WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

## Become a **Volunteer In Police Service**

*We give thousands of hours of hours to the citizens of Paradise through programs such as:*

Neighborhood Watch  
Police Dept. tours  
Livescan Fingerprinting  
Handicap Parking Monitoring  
Vacation House Checks  
Radar Gun Speed Monitoring  
Investigations  
Business Emergency Contacts

Bike Registration  
Reflective House Signs  
Rolled Card Printing  
Record Keeping  
Shop with a Cop  
Vehicle patrol  
Cell Phones for Life

### *We also handle traffic control for:*

Motorcycle Toy Run  
Gold Nugget Days  
DUI Checkpoints  
PHS Graduation

Thunder Run  
Johnny Appleseed Days  
Drive Thru Nativity  
Disaster Assistance

*Applications are available at the Paradise Police Department or contact Charlie Rollo at 872-6274 or E-mail: [crollo@townofparadise.com](mailto:crollo@townofparadise.com) .*



**VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE**  
**PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969  
**VACATION HOUSE CHECK REQUEST FORM**



LEAVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* IMPORTANT: Please call Paradise VIPS (530) 872-6314 when home.\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LIC# \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACH COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE)

PASSWORD: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY/ LOCAL CONTACT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Do they have a key? Yes  No

**VEHICLES LEFT ON PROPERTY**

*(Do not include vehicle in garage)*

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	LICENSE	STATE

**PERSONS ALLOWED ON PROPERTY FOR LAWN, PET CARE, ETC**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ALARM SYSTEM? Yes  No  COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

REAR YARD LOCKED? Yes  No  MAIL STOPPED? Yes  No  NEWSPAPER STOPPED? Yes  No

BROKEN WINDOWS / SCREENS? Yes  No  IF YES, WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

WINDOWS LEFT OPEN? Yes  No  IF YES, WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

PETS IN YARD? Yes  No  WHAT TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE: HOUSES THAT ARE FOR SALE CANNOT BE CHECKED BY THE VIPS**

Vacation House Checks are for 7 days or more, renewable after 30 days by phone **ONLY** with the security code. Vacation house Checks occur as time permits. The signature on this form releases the Town of Paradise Police Department of all liability for loss of property or damage resulting during this time period

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by VIP # \_\_\_\_\_



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE  
 PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**



Want to know the best crime prevention tool ever invented ? **A good Neighbor!**

We call it **Neighborhood Watch**

**What is it?** Neighborhood watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their communities

**It Involves:**

- \* Neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.
- \* Residents trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhood.
- \* Implementation of crime prevention techniques such as home security, and operation identification.

**Who can participate?**

Town residents, county residents, apartment dwellers, young people, mobile home residents, senior citizens, men, women, couples, and singles.

In summary? **YOU**

**Why Neighborhood Watch?**

- \* Nationwide, millions of crimes are committed every year and the number is still growing.
- \* There can't be a Police officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime.
- \* By cooperating with each other and law enforcement, people can help fight crime in their community the most effective way – ***Before it begins.***

**How do I get involved?**

**FIRST---** Contact the Paradise Police **VIPS** and explain that you are interested in joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch group.

**NEXT---** Request from the Attorney General's "Neighborhood Watch Guide" a step by step instruction manual explaining how to organize a Neighborhood Watch group.

**REMEMBER---** Police Officers can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. Put that neighborhood "*Know how*" to work.

**It's Simple:**

- \* Use your eyes and ears and then your telephone.
- \* If you spot something suspicious, call Law Enforcement immediately.



**VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE**  
**PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



## **BURGLARY PREVENTION**

### **BUSINESS SECURITY**

If you own or operate a business, make sure it is safe and secure. Your customers want to feel safe when they visit, and they are likely to return if their visit is positive. Law enforcement encourages businesses to subscribe to the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) concept as an easy way to ensure that their business is safe and secure. What is the secret to CPTED? It is the design and layout of the business that eliminates or reduces criminal behavior and at the same time encourages people to "keep an eye out" for each other. The National Crime Prevention Institute defines the purpose of CPTED as:

*"The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction of fear and incidence of crime, and an improvement in the quality of life."*

With this in mind, apply these CPTED principles to your business:

- Locate check-out counters near the front of the store, clearly visible from the outside so that employees can better watch all activities.
- Clearly mark public paths. Make private areas harder for non-employees to access.
- Use signs to direct patrons to parking and entrances.
- Prevent easy access to the roof or fire escape from the ground by trimming trees adjacent to the building. Secure roof access and fire escape ladders with locking covers.
- Provide rear access to shops if rear parking is offered.
- If possible, install rear windows to face parking areas for increased visibility.
- Do not cover up windows with advertising or display material.
- Use interior shelving and displays no higher than five feet, even lower in front of windows.
- Fully illuminate the exterior of the building and grounds at night.
- Design loading areas that avoid creating hiding places for people and merchandise.
- Maintain clear visibility from the store to the street, sidewalk, parking areas and passing vehicles.
- Place all entrances under visual surveillance.
- Place any pay telephones within clear view of employees.
- Consider installing an alarm system.

### **Maintaining your property**

This is an important part of your over-all security. A run-down business can attract criminals. Follow these simple suggestions to maintain a customer-friendly business:

- Keep buildings and walks clean and repaired.
- Maintain parking areas to a high standard without pot-holes or trash.
- Remove faded posters, broken signs, and other displays that are beyond their useful lives.
- Keep plants and all landscaping in good condition

### **Consider the "nuts and bolts" of security**

The following are suggestions to provide a burglar-resistant environment for you and your employees:

- Utilize deadbolt locks with a minimum 1" throw bolt containing a hardened, saw-resistant steel insert on all exterior doors. If you choose double cylinder deadbolts, check with your local building inspector or fire department to see if these locks are permitted.
- Pin the hinges on any exterior doors that swing out. Simply remove the center screw from each side of the hinge and insert a metal pin or headless screw on one side. This will prevent the door from being removed.
- Replace hollow-core doors with solid-core doors. Replace weak door frames or reinforce them with steel or concrete. Protect glass in the door with mesh or a polycarbonate sheet.
- To secure windows, consider adding clear polycarbonate sheets. If this is too expensive, consider roll down covers, grates or bars. Remember to check with your local fire department or building inspector on these additions.

- If you are considering purchasing an alarm system, contact several reputable companies and get a full assessment of your needs. If you do purchase an alarm system, consider adding the following features:
- Panic buttons (in case of robbery)
- Fire/smoke detectors
- Monitored system (contacts law enforcement if alarm is activated)

## **Burglary Prevention**

Your best protection against a burglar is visibility: well-lit open spaces, low counters, and large, uncluttered display windows. Put your cash register up front so that the burglar's activity will be visible from the outside. When closing your business, empty your cash drawers and leave them open so a burglar won't be tempted to break them open. Anchor safes in concrete.

Additionally, you should:

- Contact the crime prevention unit of your local law enforcement agency for a free security survey of your business. Also request additional information on Business Watch and Operation Identification.
- Keep a complete, up-to-date inventory of your merchandise and property: office machinery, personal belongings, etc. Put a copy in your safety deposit box or at a location away from your business site.

If you suspect your business has been burglarized:

- Immediately call your local law enforcement agency or dial 9-1-1.
- Don't go in – the burglar may still be inside.
- Don't open for business – your employees and customers may unwittingly destroy or alter valuable evidence



**VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE**  
**PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
5595 BLACK OLIVE DRIVE, PARADISE, CA. 95969



## **VEHICLE SECURITY**

### **You can prevent vehicle theft!**

Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can increase your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:

#### **Lock up**

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Close all windows — professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight.
- When you park the car, remove cellular phones, cassette players and other valuable possessions. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages or cameras lying on the seat. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.
- Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.

#### **Park carefully**

- Don't leave an auto in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or attended lot.
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and your home. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.
- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

#### **Operation I.D.**

- With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on cassette players and other valuable items.
- Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a safe place. Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.

#### **Use anti-theft devices**

- When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options, such as interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others.
- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:
  - Interior hood lock release.
  - Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.
  - Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor.
  - Locking gas cap.
  - Locking devices for batteries, wheels, decks, etc.
  - Alarm device to activate a siren, horn or lights – or all three – to frighten the thief away.
  - Device that attaches to the steering wheel or brake pedal.

#### **Carjacking**

This violent, random form of auto theft is on the rise. A driver of any vehicle can be a target of someone with a weapon. It can happen anywhere, day or night. Here are some precautions:

- Keep your doors locked.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Be alert of your surroundings, of people approaching your vehicle.
- Stick with the traffic, avoid lightly traveled streets, especially after dark.
- Keep car and house keys on separate key chains.
- Keep the garage door opener in your purse or briefcase.
- When stopped in traffic, always leave enough room to make an emergency getaway.
- If someone is threatening you with a weapon, give up the vehicle — it's not worth your life.

## **How to prevent theft of other motor vehicles**

Thefts of snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats and trail-bikes are also increasing. Many of the same precautions that apply to cars also apply to recreational vehicles.

### **Lock It**

- Make sure all easy-to-carry items like motors, water skis and camping gear are locked up before leaving your vehicle.

### **Chain It**

- Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a strong chain and padlock.
- When the trailer is not attached to your car, secure it with a heavy chain and lock to a stationary object.
- Chain your motorcycle or snowmobile to a stationary object such as a lamppost or sewer grating. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and padlock that resists conventional steel hacksaw blades.