

# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING ALTADENA



**WORKING TOGETHER  
TO MAKE THE  
COMMUNITY SAFE  
BURGLARY PREVENTION**

**COMMUNITY POLICING**

**Altadena Sheriff's Station  
780 E. Altadena Dr.  
Altadena, CA 91001**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BEST DAY/TIME TO CALL \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes below if you would like additional information regarding our community programs:

- Clergy Council  Station Volunteer
- Neighborhood Watch  Reserve Deputy
- Business Watch  Community Academy

**PLEASE MAIL THIS SURVEY TO THE ALTADENA  
SHERIFF'S STATION OR BRING IT TO THE STATION.  
THANK YOU.**

*"Working together with our local community and businesses, we can reduce crime significantly in the community. You can help us improve our efforts by sharing your thoughts and suggestions."*



*Leroy D. Baca*  
**Leroy D. Baca  
Sheriff**

## Preventing Burglaries From Homes and Vehicles

Burglary is a crime of opportunity. Burglars aim for the easiest targets. Most will give up if they can't get in within a few minutes. To keep burglars away from your home or vehicle, make their work difficult, risky and low profit.

Your first line of defense is to take away any hiding places. Do not allow bushes and shrubbery to become overgrown. Keep them trimmed away from windows so there is no place for a burglar to hide. Keep bushes, shrubbery and fences at waist level or below. That way you will form a barricade but everything that goes on inside is clearly visible.

Do not leave any valuables inside of your vehicle. Always lock your vehicle even when it is parked in your garage. If your garage door remote is stolen, change the code immediately.

**Steven McLean**  
*Captain*

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Add motion lighting to the exterior of your home. Make it easy for yourself or your neighbor to see anyone who might be inside of your yard. Motion lights should be mounted in your front yard, facing your driveway, on the side, and also in your backyard. This allows you to see into your yard from the protection of the inside of your home. If you get home after dark, pre-set timed lights to come on so it will give the appearance someone is home.

Burglars will try the easiest entries first, lock doors and windows. If your doors or windows can't be quickly pried open, chances are burglars will move on. The best locks are deadbolt locks with a minimum 1" throw bolt containing a hardened steel insert which resists sawing. The strike plate should be attached to the door frame with screws that measure 4 inches. The double cylinder deadbolt lock requires a key to open from either side. This prevents burglars from breaking glass in the door and reaching through to turn the knob from inside. It also prevents them from leaving through the door if they've entered through some other means.

## BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Install window locks to prevent anyone from forcing the window open. You can also use wooden dowels, cut to the size of your window track. If you need to open a window, only open it a few inches so an adult can not climb through.

Alarms are also a great deterrent. If you choose to install an alarm, the system should include:

- a battery failsafe back-up,
- fire-sensing capability, and
- feedback device to check whether the system is working

Keep a complete and accurate count of all your property. Keep serial numbers, brands, models and descriptions of your property. Take pictures and keep them with your receipts. This will assist law enforcement with their report and increases your chances of getting your property back. If you suspect a burglary has occurred:

- Don't go in. The burglar may still be inside.
- Call the Sheriff's Department immediately.
- Do not touch anything until Deputies arrive.

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