

Neighborhood Safety

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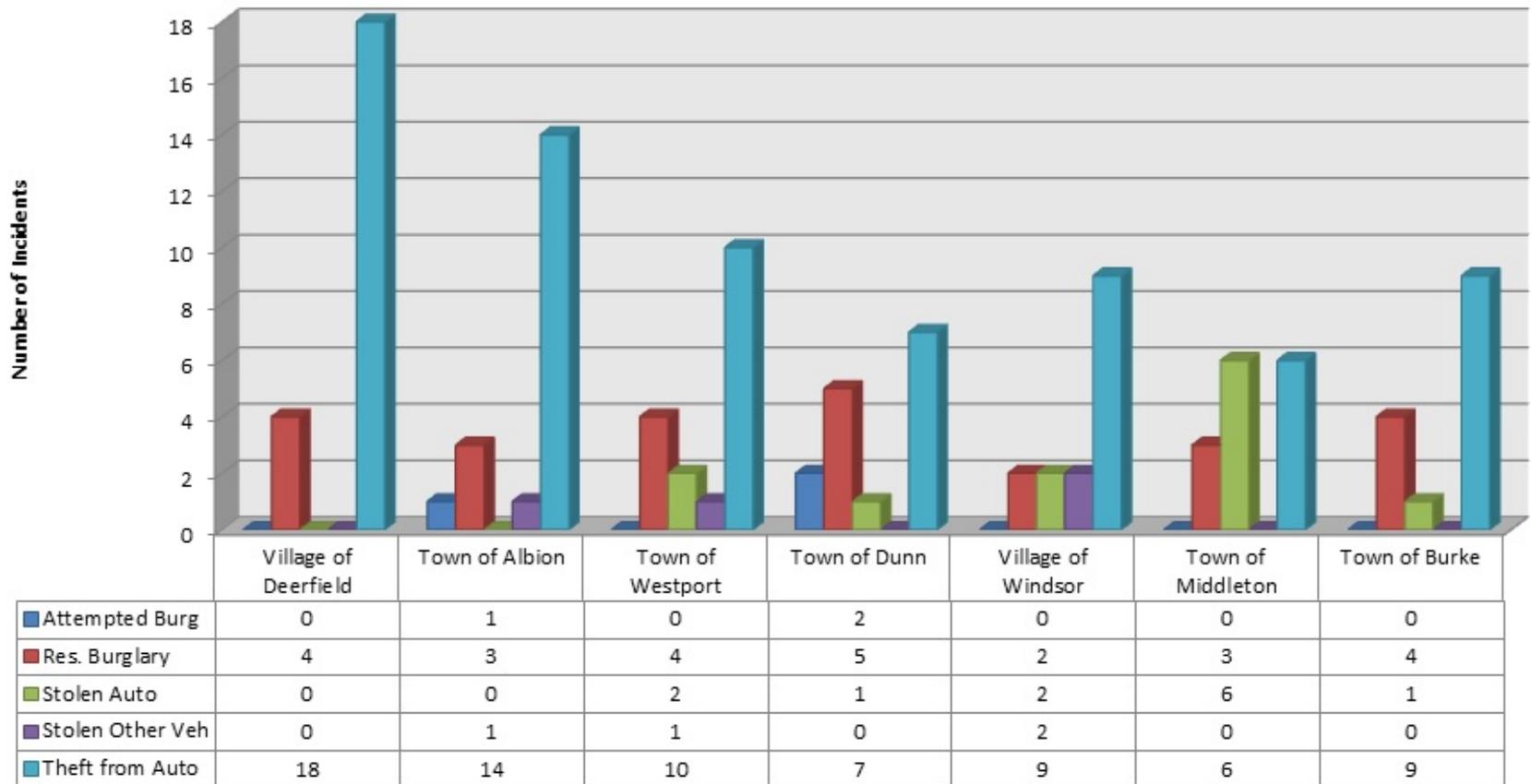


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2018 Stats

Dane County Sheriff's Office - Selected Property Crime Totals
Jan 1 - Oct 11, 2018



Be The "BOSS"



☞ Be

☞ Observant

☞ Smart

☞ Safe

General Safety

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- ☞ Be alert to your surroundings. Don't become focused on one thing and forget to look around
- ☞ Make safety, not your errand, your priority
- ☞ Cell phones are a great tool for personal safety-carry in your pocket even around your home

General Safety Cont...

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- ∞ Work out a buddy system with a neighbor. Check on each other every day
- ∞ Join/Start a Neighborhood Watch Group
 - <http://www.sheriffs.org/content/crime-prevention>
- ∞ Report Crime for suspicious activities to law enforcement immediately

Forming a Neighborhood Watch

- ☞ Designate a block captain or co-captains. These individuals act as a liaison between the DCSO and the neighborhood.
- ☞ What is the Need?
- ☞ Benefits to the neighborhood.
- ☞ How often will the group meet?
- ☞ Fears.
- ☞ How to get others involved.
- ☞ Meeting arrangements and contact information. (sheet provided)- Updates/new neighbors.

Personal Interaction

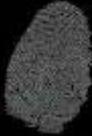
- ☞ Telephone Calls/Emails
- ☞ Personal Visit
- ☞ Neighborhood Event
- ☞ Neighborhood Association newsletter
- ☞ Brochures
- ☞ Neighborhood Survey: focus on identifying issues, resources, priorities and obstacles.
- ☞ Facebook page/ social media.

Program Growth

- ∞ Ongoing Communication
- ∞ Phone tree, newsletter
- ∞ Interesting and fun meetings
- ∞ Ongoing recruitment of members
- ∞ Reach out to new residents
- ∞ Participation in community events
- ∞ Block Parties, etc.
- ∞ Evaluation of goals and programs.

Personal Safety at Home

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- ☞ Have your house number conspicuously posted outside your home
- ☞ When someone knocks at your door, don't open it unless you know the visitor
- ☞ Have a through-the-door viewer installed on each exterior door
- ☞ If the person is a representative, salesman, etc. ask that identification and credentials be provided. Call employer to verify the name, business.
- ☞ Never open door for someone requesting to use phone for an emergency. Make the call for them.
- ☞ Call law enforcement immediately if someone is at your door you don't trust or you believe is dangerous

Target Hardening

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- ∞ Doors-All exterior should be metal or solid wood.
- ∞ Install good quality deadbolt locks on exterior doors and any door attached to a garage.
- ∞ The deadbolt should extend at least 1-1.5 inches when in locked position.
- ∞ Lock inner garage door to house and others doors and vehicles.

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- ∞ Windows- install window locks and or alarms on windows that are accessible from the ground.
- ∞ Lighting-use automatic times (at all times).
- ∞ Motion detectors
- ∞ Install around doors, porches, windows, garages (all point of entry).

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- ☞ Alarms-use audible on-site alarm and/or flashing lights to attract attention.
- ☞ Post alarm signs-in yard and on windows.
- ☞ Use the ALARM! Many leave and don't activate!
- ☞ Register your alarm with the DCSO.

Returning Home

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- ∞ If you find your door ajar or if you hear unusual sounds inside, **DON'T GO IN!**
 - Go to the nearest telephone and call law enforcement
 - If your home has been burglarized, **DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING UNTIL THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARRIVES!**

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- ∞ If you enter your home and find a burglar there, leave if you can.
 - If the intruder is armed, sit down quietly and obey instructions
 - DO NOT resist or fight
 - Observe the intruder closely

Deterring the Burglar

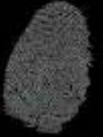
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- ⌘ Keys-don't carry ID tags on key ring or hide spare keys outside your door
- ⌘ Get a dog! Burglars tend to avoid homes with dogs.
- ⌘ Vehicle Thefts-Lock cars, don't leave valuables in plain view.
- ⌘ GPS-don't use home address.

Minimize the Risk

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- ∞ Keep firearms locked in a safe.
- ∞ Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the home
- ∞ Place valuable jewelry and important papers in a safe deposit box
- ∞ Appraise and photograph jewelry, precious antiques, artwork

When You Are Away

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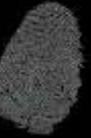
- ✎ Discontinue newspaper, mail, and other deliveries
- ✎ Have lawn mowed or sidewalk shoveled.
- ✎ Use lights inside and outside on timers.
- ✎ Place radios/TVS on timers
- ✎ Turn volume down on telephone
- ✎ Request vacation check from local law enforcement

Itemize Your Property

- ∞ Law Enforcement across Dane County utilizes this website as well.
 - It allows police to look up any items that have been pawned and the individuals who pawned it.
- ∞ Go to <https://reportit.leadsonline.com>
 - Allows you to enter your property with descriptions and serial numbers.
- ∞ If you do not want to do this on line, then make a master list of your property with descriptions and serial numbers.
 - Take photos of everything as well.
 - Listing of firearms are especially important.
 - Do not store firearms where they are easily accessible or with ammunition.
 - Lock them both up separately.

What if You're a Victim?

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- ☞ Seek help immediately
- ☞ Call 911 and wait for emergency personnel to arrive
- ☞ Do not fight back or resist an attacker. Give him/her your money, car or other valuables. Your life is not worth a few dollars
- ☞ Do NOT go to a second location with an attacker. Do what you can to stay at the initial scene
- ☞ If you are sexually assaulted: do not shower, go to the bathroom, drink a beverage or change your clothes.
- ☞ Be safe and always aware of your surroundings!

How To Be A Good Witness

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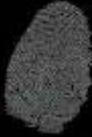


∞ Suspect

- Gender, Age, Race, Complexion
- Height, Weight
- Hair Color/Style, Facial Hair (moustache, beard, goatee, etc.)
- Scars, marks, tattoos
- Glasses
- Clothing: pants, shirt, outerwear, shoes
- Jewelry
- Speech: Accent/Impediment

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∞ Vehicle

- Make/Model
- Color
- Number of Doors
- License Plate
- Dents
- Bumper Stickers
- Cracked Windows
- Direction of Travel
- Position of Subject (Driver or Passenger)

When Should I Call 9-1-1?

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- ∞ When You See a Crime Happening
 - Burglary, Battery, Weapons, Child Abuse, Drunk Driver, Hit-and-Run Accident, Robbery, Someone calling for help
- ∞ When Someone Is Hurt and Needs Medical Assistance
- ∞ When You See an Uncontrolled Fire
- ∞ When There Is A Serious Car Crash

When Should I Call A Non-Emergency Number?



- ∞ To Report Other Problems:
 - Animal Complaints
 - Parking Complaints
 - Noise Complaints
 - Neighbor Problems
 - Fender-bender Crashes
 - Drug/Prostitution activity
 - Damage to Property
 - Trespass
 - Suspicious Activity

Suspicious Activity

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- ∞ Unknown persons asking for directions.
 - May be an excuse to stop at a home to see if anyone is home and to case the property.
- ∞ Short Term Traffic
 - People coming and going to and from residences and/or vehicles.
- ∞ Casing
 - Unknown vehicles and/or people going through area with no intended purpose.

Resources



☞ www.sheriffs.org

☞ www.ncpc.org

☞ reportit.leadsonline.com

☞ <https://danesherriff.com/>