

MEMORIAL VILLAGES POLICE CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY

October 18th through October 24th 2013

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713-365-3700

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BUNKER HILL

On October 18th officers responded to the 200 block of Gessner Road in reference to a hit and run accident. The fleeing driver did not stop and exchange information as required. There was minimal damage to the victim's vehicle and there were no injuries. Officers filed an accident report.

On October 23rd an officer stopped a vehicle in the 200 block of Gessner Road for traffic violations. The driver was found to be driving while his license was suspended. The driver was further found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver was charged with both offenses.

On October 23rd an officer responded to the 11800 block of Red Coat in reference to an identity theft. The victim's information was used by an unknown person and opened a cash advance loan online and out of state. This case is currently under investigation.

PINEY POINT

On October 20th officers responded to the 200 block of Blalock Road in reference to an accident. One driver was found to be intoxicated. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. After the arrest, the driver was further found to be in possession of a controlled substance. The driver was charged with both offenses and there were no injuries in the reported accident.

HUNTERS CREEK

On October 22nd an officer responded to the 900 block of Oak Valley Drive in reference to an identity theft. The victim's information was used by an unknown person and opened a cash advance loan online and out of state. This case is currently under investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

The Memorial Villages Police Department has received quite a few reports from residents about identity thefts involving Castle Payday Loans.com. Detectives are working diligently with the Harris County DA's Office and Castle Payday Loans to get some type of solution to the issues. I wanted to remind residents to monitor your credit closely, one incident can ruin somebody's credit for a long time and take a long time to recover from the issues. Here are some reminders about checking your credit reports and ensuring that all information is accurate:

Your busy day may include writing a check at the grocery store, charging tickets to a ball game, calling home on your cell phone, and applying for a credit card. These simple transactions provide all the information needed to steal your identity. Personal information such as bank and credit card account numbers, Social Security number, address, and phone number is what an identity thief needs to take control of your accounts. While you can't prevent identity theft, you can minimize your risk by managing your personal information wisely.

- Guard your mail from theft. Take outgoing mail to the post office or drop it in a collection box. Remove mail promptly from your box after it's delivered.
- If your bills don't arrive on time, follow up with the creditors. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks.
- Put passwords on your credit card, bank, and phone accounts. Don't use easily obtained information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, etc.
- Discard papers with personal information such as insurance forms, returned checks, physician statements, credit card offers, etc. by tearing them up or shredding them.
- Keep items with personal information in a secure place in your home especially if you have household help, roommates, or have service people coming to your home.
- Don't give out personal information on the phone, over the Internet, or through the mail unless you have initiated the contact or know who you're dealing with.
- Provide your Social Security number only when necessary. Your employer and financial institution will need your number for wage and tax reporting purposes. Businesses may ask for it to do a credit check if you apply for a loan. However, if a business wants your SSN just for general record keeping, you may want to question why they need it. Also, don't carry the card with you.

You may still be victimized even if you've been very careful. You should regularly check your credit record. Order your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus and confirm that all the information is correct.

Company	Address	Order Credit Report	Report Fraud
Equifax	P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374-0241	1-800-685-1111	1-800-525-6285
Experian	P.O. Box 2104 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)	1-888-EXPERIAN
Trans Union	P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19022	1-800-916-8800	1-800-680-7289

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