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News Release

ACPD plans Bike Registration Rally event Sept. 15 in Ark City

New event part of #SerialNumberSeptember registration awareness effort

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (September 11, 2018) — The Arkansas City Police Department is planning a new event to register community bicycles and raise awareness of the importance of serial numbers.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, officers will conduct the first-ever “Bike Registration Rally” in Ark City.

The purpose of the event is to register as many bicycles with the police department as possible throughout the day. The goal is to register at least 100 bikes, but police would like to register even more.

Officers will be monitoring their Facebook and Twitter accounts for addresses beginning at 9 a.m.

They will make house calls anywhere within the city limits of Ark City to register bicycles and provide information on #SerialNumberSeptember, a new ACPD registration awareness initiative on social media.

To participate in the Bike Registration Rally, residents can “like” the Arkansas City Police Department’s Facebook page or follow the Arkansas City Police Department on Twitter.

Citizens should watch for social media posts on Saturday and provide police with an address where officers can meet with them and register their bicycles.

For questions about Saturday’s event or more information about crime prevention, please contact ACPD Lt. Eric Burr by telephone at (620) 441-6601 or by email at eburr@arkansascityks.gov.

About #SerialNumberSeptember

Property crime is one of the top priorities for the Arkansas City Police Department, according to Burr.

The department continually analyzes crime trends and internal processes in the hope of reducing property crime rates throughout the City of Arkansas City.

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ACPD has found one of the most effective ways to reduce crime actually is accomplished by citizens who lock up both their homes and vehicles. But crime prevention, unfortunately, is not always enough.

Once a property crime does occur, it is the police department's mission to document the crime accurately and do its very best to return stolen property. This mission hinges on two key citizen duties:

1. Calling the police when crime occurs.
2. Providing a good description of the stolen property so it can be identified.

With those key components in mind, the Arkansas City Police Department is participating in a new registration awareness initiative through the month of September called #SerialNumberSeptember.

The department will use its social media platforms on Facebook and Twitter to circulate tips, as well as reminders to citizens to log serial numbers and take photographs of their most "theft-worthy" items.

Officers also will hand out brochures and talk at every opportunity about keeping your property safe.

The items most often stolen from homes include:

- alcohol;
- bicycles;
- cash;
- computers;
- electronics;
- firearms;
- household items;
- jewelry;
- prescription drugs;
- personal information for identity theft;
- tools.

Some of these items can be traced through the use of serial numbers. Having that information available to give to police officers when making police reports gives them a much better chance of finding and returning the property after it has been stolen.

Bicycles are one of the most stolen items in Ark City. Officers recover many bicycles each year, but are unable to return them to their owners due to a lack of police reports and documented serial numbers.

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