

Sheriff's Holiday Watch
Crime Prevention Holiday Watch Update #5:2011

Holiday season being as busy as ever, I found myself looking for my car the other day in the mall parking lot. Yes, I forgot where I had parked it. As I stood looking and attempting to remember the location, I decided to pull out my car keys and pressed the red panic button for the car. Immediately, I heard the horn beeping and found myself "rescued" among the "sea of cars and Santa's elves"

Once I left the parking lot, I found myself thinking "what a great crime prevention tool~ car keys and the panic button! Everything old is new again. The red panic button for the car with your car keys was a crime prevention tip we had passed on many years ago, so here is a crime prevention gift for you to remember.

Always have in your hand or by your bed at night your car keys. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the red panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. If your car panic alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the bad guy won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and the bad guys don't like that! Useful in any emergency, carry your car keys with you. Please pass this "crime prevention gift" on even if you've known this. It is a great reminder!

From the Deputies and Professional Staff at the Alpine Sheriff's Station ~ Happy Holidays!

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