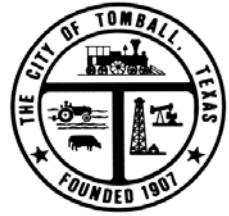




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Seasonal Crime Trend Alert

The Tomball Police Department seeks to alert the public of seasonal crime trends that tend to surface in the area.

During the winter / fall season, it is not uncommon for law enforcement agencies throughout the area to see an increase in the theft of heavy equipment and tools. Items such as trailers, tractors, lawn equipment and assorted tools have a propensity to be stolen when left unsecured or in the immediate view of the public.

To minimize crimes of such nature, we are urging the area residents to take the following precautionary measures:

- Be sure and secure all doors and windows when leaving your residence.
- Maintain adequate outside lighting
- Close your garage door when you are inside of your residence, or when you leave your residence.
- Do not leave items of value unsecured or in plain sight (ex: hand tools, lawn equipment, etc.).
- If you are unable to secure your trailers or tractors, station them in a well lit location and place a lock on the hitch of trailer to discourage theft.
- Keep records such as make, model, and serials numbers readily available.

If anybody noticed any suspicious activity, please notify Tomball Police Department at (281) 351-5451.