Trending Tuesday: Auto burglaries for the past week (**8/20-8/26**) were reported by the APD Crime Analysis Unit today. The **Foothills Area Command dropped down** from our usual spot of being 3rd of all 6 APD Area Commands to just below the middle range to being 4th for the most auto burglaries reported that week. The numbers for the past week for reported auto burglaries ranged from **a high of 41 to a low of 7**. Most entries in our Area Command by auto burglars were via breaking windows or merely opening unlocked doors. Removing all items from vehicles and locking up can prevent many of these incidents.

I did a post on Monday (8/27) about **catalytic converters being stolen** and I have not seen any more cases since that post. I asked APD Crime Analysis reported back to me that no other cases were noted last week except the Foothills Area Command two cases. Let's hope that's the end of it. You can have a mechanic weld extra metal or a metal cage over your catalytic converter to prevent it from being stolen. The SUVs and trucks with high clearance are targeted because they are easier for someone to get under and remove the catalytic converter, so if you must park outside and have concerns then beef up your lighting, consider an alarm for your vehicle, and **if you have garage space use it for your vehicle**! Consider having your mechanic **etch the VIN number or your license plate number** on the part so if it is stolen and taken to a metal recycler/scrap yard it can be tied back to you if listed on a police report.

I noted over the same time frame that our Foothills Area Command **residential burglaries** were showing many entries via lifting or sliding back sliding glass doors out of the tracks. We had one entry via an open garage door, which still seems to be an issue in our Area Command with residents. I'm not sure if the mindset is "**it won't happen to me**" or "**I'm just in the yard/in the house**" or "**this is a nice neighborhood and those things don't happen here**." Please remember to regard your garage door as the biggest door to your home; don't provide easy entry to a burglar. The APD Crime Analysis Unit notes there were **71 residential burglaries reported for the city during the past week. Foothills Area Command logged 12 residential burglary reports that week.**

Hot Wheels Report: APD's Crime Analysis Unit reports that 93 vehicles were reported stolen last week. The **Foothills Area Command logged 14 and we came in 4th out of the 6 APD Area Commands** for this type of crime. The numbers ranged from a high of 30 vehicles to a low of 4 stolen in one week across the 6 APD Area Commands. Most were stolen from single family residential neighborhoods (30) followed by apartments (25) and then retail, hotels, businesses, mechanics/dealerships, recreational spots, roadside, worship centers, medical centers, gas station/convenience stores, restaurants and mobile home parks logged between 7 and 1 incidents. **Most popular vehicles to steal last week** were Chevrolets (19/10 were pick ups), the Hyundais (18/8 were Elantras) and Kias (9/4 were Optimas). Auto theft is a crime of opportunity, but I am glad to see the numbers show the Foothills Area Command had a drop when compared to the rest of the APD Area Commands.

Daily Property Crime in the Foothills: Monday, August 27, 2018
3 Stolen Vehicles: 11200-block of Campo Del Sol NE, 13100-block of Summer Pl NE, 12300-block of Mountain Rd.
2 Residential Burglaries: 11200-block of Campo Del Sol NE, 5400-block of Royal Oak Dr NE.
Entries made via rear door and kicking in a front door. Stole vehicle keys from a purse and then stole the vehicle in 1 incident.
2 Auto Burglaries: 500-block of Manistee St NE and 1500-block of Eubank Blvd NE.
Entries: Breaking windows in both cases to get items left inside the unattended vehicles
Items stolen that were left in unattended vehicles: All of victim's tools needed for work. A purse, back pack, laptop, IDs, cash, debit and credit cards, Rock & Brew jacket, 3 notebooks left on vehicle front seat. Debit card is being used for fraudulent purchases.