

## Crime Prevention Message

The University of California Police Department would like to welcome everyone this academic year. When classes are in session, the University neighborhood becomes a vibrant, bustling community. Unfortunately, the increase in people, vehicles and property creates a criminal opportunity. The University neighborhood routinely experiences a spike in crime, mainly theft, at the beginning of each school year. Please take a moment to review these important tips for your safety and protection of your property.

- **Property Theft**

- ✓ Don't leave anything of value unattended, even for a minute; especially laptops, smart phones, iPads, iPods or any other electronics
- ✓ Lock all doors and close all windows on your residence and vehicles when not present
- ✓ Keep all valuables out of sight
- ✓ Consider Lojack for computers; for sale at CompUCR
- ✓ Refer to the University of California Police Department, Riverside Crime Prevention Facebook page for additional safety tips and information
- ✓ Photograph, note serial numbers, make, model and value of any important property; this will aid in identification should someone steal your property

- **Bicycle Theft**

- ✓ Lock your bicycle only at approved bike racks or cages
- ✓ Consider a less expensive bike for commuting
- ✓ Use a very good lock, preferably a U-shaped lock. Chain and cable locks are easily cut
- ✓ Register your bike with UCR Transportation and Parking Services. Bicycle registration is free and is required by the Riverside Municipal Code.

Please note these tips for bicycle and personal safety:

- **Bicycle Commuters**

- ✓ Bicycles must follow the rules of the road, just like a vehicle
- ✓ Stop for red lights and stop signs
- ✓ Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic
- ✓ If there is a bike lane, use it
- ✓ Use a bike light at night

- **Personal Safety**

- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings, talking and texting on your phone can limit this ability
- ✓ Avoid dark isolated areas, use safer pathways.
- ✓ Walk in groups or use the escort service
  - Campus Safety Escort Service 951-827-3772
- ✓ Have the Police phone numbers programmed in your cell phone
  - UCPD 951-827-5222
  - City of Riverside Police 951-787-7911

Please take a moment and watch the campus safety video on the UCPD website:

<http://police.ucr.edu/prevention.html>

Have a safe and enjoyable year!