



CARMEL OBSERVER

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Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

Don't forget the annual crime watch meeting with Chief Green on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Carmel City Hall on the 2nd floor in the Council Chambers. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ann Gallagher at 571-2720 or email agallagher@carmel.in.gov.

Winter Driving Tips

Source: NHTSA

- Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, sufficiently increase your following distance so you will have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have anti-lock brakes apply firm pressure, if you have non anti-lock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.

Identity Theft

By Detective Brad Hedrick

The following are some basic guidelines to go by if you should ever become a victim of identity theft.

1. Jurisdiction of a crime is where the crime actually occurred (where the check was cashed, where the credit card was used, etc.) and not where the victim lives. If there is no act of crime that occurred in the city limits of

Carmel, then the Carmel Police Department does not have jurisdiction over the crime. Unfortunately the report will have to be filed with the agency where the crime occurred. If the crime has occurred in another jurisdiction where it would be difficult for a victim to file a report in person, and the agency will not take reports over the phone, the Carmel Police Department can take an informational report. The report would then be forwarded to the proper agency.

2. Contact the credit card agency, bank, etc. to report the incident to them as soon as possible and close the accounts if necessary.
3. Contact the three credit reporting agencies to have a fraud alert put on your name and SSN. This will help in limiting the damage done.

The credit reporting agencies are:

- Equifax 1-800-525-6285
- Experian (formerly TRW) 1-888-397-3742
- Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

If your identity has been stolen and your SSN is being used, you can also contact the Social Security Administration Fraud Line at 1-800-269-0271 to report your SSN being used by someone else. There is also a web site designed by consumer groups in conjunction with law enforcement. The web site is www.consumer.gov/sentinel. Victims can file reports on this web site to aid law enforcement in tracking identity theft and fraud crimes.

*Questions, Comments or Concerns,
Please give us a call.*

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