## **CCHTL Neighborhood Safety and Home Protection**

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Our Country Club Hills Twin Lakes (CCHTL) neighborhood ranks as one of the safest and best protected subdivisions in Allen County according to the Allen County Sheriff's Office (ACSO). On the rare occasions that criminal activity occurs the Bath Township Sheriff's Deputies are quick to respond. When incidents do occur, the Chief Deputy and one of our Bath Township Sheriff's Deputies have held informative meetings at the Bath Township Hall. They provide a full report to the concerned citizens who actively participate in the meetings. They also deliver information how to keep your family and property safe. The ACSO increases their patrols of our neighborhood when situations occur. Most often the perpetrators are apprehended and brought to justice.

Generally, most often the vandalism or petty thefts are caused by delinquent teenagers. They typically enter unlocked or open garages and take items of convenience, such as bicycles for a "joy ride" and abandoned them on another property. Also, they enter unlocked vehicles and take spare change, but leave items of value. Typically, there is no damage to homes or vehicles. Increased surveillance by the ACSO and our neighbors often puts a stop to this nonsense.

Bath Township Trustees pay the salary of three full time Sheriff's Deputies to serve our community. The Deputies have the full support of the ACSO. They work to serve and protect us. The Chief Deputy says that there are common sense things that you can do to keep your family and property safe: Know your neighbors and ask them to watch your home, lock your doors, lock your vehicles, close your garage doors, close your curtains, vary the lighting in your home, use light timers, install motion detectors, don't put boxes of new valuables (such as a TV) out for the trash, if you are going away put your newspaper and mail on hold and if you witness something suspicious, be sure to call the ACSO!

If you witness a crime in progress, IMMEDIATELY CALL 911! If you see suspicious or unusual activity, call the Sheriff's Office at 419-227-3535 or 911. The ACSO Dispatcher will ask you a lot of questions; please be patient and answer to the best of your ability. The Chief Deputy said that they are not

being rude, but they are trying to get the critical information as fast as possible. Report what you see and let the ACSO take the action. The police, fire and safety services in Bath Township are excellent and we are fortunate to live in such as safe and wonderful community.