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Richmond Police Department

# Sector 213 Newsletter

**With community comes unity,  
help each other, understand  
each other and serve each other**



*"Building Stronger Communities"*

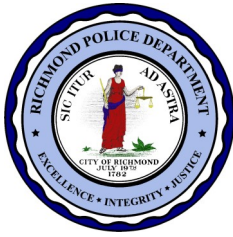
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

*Margaret Mead*



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## How to protect your packages from being stolen by porch pirates




Almost 26 million Americans (or about 8% of the US population) say they've had a package stolen from a porch or doorstep during the holidays, according to a 2017 survey.

The US Postal Service, FedEx and UPS all have systems to track your packages from the retailer to your doorstep. All three use tracking numbers that can be used to figure out where the item is and when it should be delivered to your home.

Another surefire way to thwart porch pirates is to not have packages delivered to your home at all. Many people have holiday packages delivered to their workplace or to a trusted neighbor nearby who'll be at home when the item arrives.



**L♥VE IT? My Stuff!**  
**THEN LOCK IT!**  
Lock Your Vehicle and  
Put Your Junk in Your Trunk!  
OR  
**LOSE IT!**

 A Friendly Reminder from the Richmond Police Department.

**“Tis the Season”...historically car crimes increase in Sector 213 during the next 8 weeks (11/20—01/20)**

**TIPS TO HELP DETER THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES**

**DO NOT...**

Leave your vehicle unlocked when you are away from it, even for only a short period.

**BE AWARE!**

**PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES.** Remove valuables, cash, weapons (even when locked) or secure them in the glove compartment, center console or in the trunk.



**There are still too many people leaving valuables in their cars – and not locking their car doors.**

**ONLY THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS, CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



You've struck an online deal with a person to buy, sell or trade an item. Now what? The Richmond Police Department now offers two Safe Exchange Zones where you can meet and transact your business in well-lit areas with 24-hour video recording

Since a video recording can only assist detectives in attempting to identify a suspect after an incident occurs, the public should continue to observe safety precautions. Indeed, a Safe Exchange Zone sign at each location indicates that the Department assumes no responsibility or liability for transactions, damages or injury, nor does the city of Richmond. Due to the varied schedules of precinct officers, the Department cannot guarantee an officer will be on the property at all times.