

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...for Criminals Too!



Have you considered security for the holidays? Your business and home are most vulnerable when you are away from them. If the building is closed for extended periods of time, then that vulnerability increases. Thieves look for buildings with signs of no activity, such as dark windows and empty parking lots. If you do not have a security system or other security measures in place, we do offer security patrols to keep your building safe while you are away. Many of you see us mostly at events, but we also specialize in property security and access control. Just the mere sight of a security guard on property will deter unwanted behavior from looming

criminals. Think about it. If you were a criminal, and drove by and saw a security guard on property, you would go look for a different building with NO security guard and no other preventive measures like cameras or motion sensors, right?

Also, please keep in mind that this time of year affords more opportunities to criminals, as people are out and about doing their Christmas shopping. Bring a blanket to put over the bags in your car, or even better, put all parcels in your locked trunk if you have one. Shop with a friend, as that will make you less of a target. Criminals like an easy target, because they want to avoid drawing attention to themselves. As a woman, I also like to leave my purse at home and put my card in my pocket. I feel like a purse is a target that thieves equate with money. If they don't see a purse, I feel that doesn't attract them in the same manner. And no one can just grab



my card off of me if it's in my pocket. Leaving your purse in your car, however, is not recommended.



Lastly, check your credit cards for RFID chips. Many newer cards have them (and will say so on the card), which allow you to swipe your card by mere proximity. These RFID chips put out radio signals. We recommend to make sure that you put your credit cards in a RFID shielded wallet or sleeve, as criminals are active in the malls with devices that can pick up those signals and steal your account information.

-Ashleigh Gaylord

The Spirit of Christmas

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"It is the reason for the season" is an expression I have heard a lot lately. I think honestly it is everybody's own reason for the season, and in spite of Scrooge Mc-ACLU and offended atheists, we collectively are quick to forget the real reason. Let me give you a hint - it is not to stuff yourself and to see how much you can help the economy with your shopping. I do not think anyone needs me to explain the main reasons for the holiday season. But as the year winds down, I think we all reflect what the past 12 months have been like. Personally, and for many of those that are near and dear to me, I think we all will remember 2013 as a year we would never put in the top ten of our lives. At the same time, we forget quickly the many happy moments, a friend we have not seen in a long time (like Ashleigh) coming to visit Arizona after Christmas), the smile of a child, doing a good deed, the wedding of two loved ones, or the endless moments that give us all happiness, that we are so quick to take for granted or forget. I recently read that a child will laugh up to 400 times a day, and an adult only up to 15 times. Think we take life too seriously? All of our lives are full of endless blessings, all that we are quick to take for granted.



We all aspire to make next year a better year than the one we are in, and set new goals for ourselves. T.E.A.M. is no different, and we all hope that you will all see positive changes in our little world in the coming year. One of the things that sets us apart from our competitors is that we are a family, and we have many of the blessings and problems that any family has, and we are always most successful when we come together as only a family can. That being said, please do remember what this season is about, and how important family is. Use this time to spend time with your family, even if they drive you nuts, because your family is probably the biggest blessing you will have in life. Give thanks for the love you have in your life and the people that matter. It does not matter what religion you practice (or don't) - those that do not want "Christ" in Christmas seem to only have hate in their heart, because the season stands for so much more. Thus, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2014! -Mick Hirko

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Dec 14	Tempe Town Lake	Boat P
Dec 13-14	Downtown Glendale	Winter
Dec 14-15	Veteran's Park	Luces
Dec 20-21	Downtown Glendale	Jingle
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Helping the Community

This month we donated equipment to the Tempe Run from the Cops 5K event at Tempe Beach Park, for our 2nd year in a row. We were happy to be a part of this annual event that benefits the Temp Police Foundation. The run gives people the opportunity to run with Tempe police officers and employees that work hard for the community every day. It's a family friendly event and kids had the opportunity to run with the beloved McGruff, the crime dog. There were also specialized vehicles on site for photo opportunities. If you didn't make it out there this year, you should definitely come out and take part next year.



"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." Norman Vincent Peale

