

# Caribou County Sheriff's Office

## Safety in the Community

### Home Safety

As much as we would like to believe that we do, we no longer live in a small secluded community. Both State Highway 30 and 34 go directly through the middle of our county. Since they have both been put on the maps as "Scenic Routes" and Historic Byways" we have seen a lot more traffic going through the county with not only truckers, but tourists going to Yellowstone Park, the Tetons, and Jackson Hole. There is also a lot of interest in the Oregon Trail and the history of the Mormon Pioneers connected with our area. Some stop to look around and check out these sites, some stop to hunt, fish and camp. But, unfortunately there are others who see opportunities for crime in a secluded community such as ours. So we must be aware and prepared for those who would take advantage of our openness and kindness. We can still be kind but we need to be aware and protective as well.

We must begin to secure our property, our homes, cars, sheds, gas tanks tractors, etc. The best way for the citizens of Caribou County to do this is by locking up our property and homes at night, and when leaving them for extended times, as well as for the day or just the afternoon. Whenever, you stop and leave your car, remember to turn it off, remove the keys, take the keys with you and lock it. When you are parking in public places **NEVER leave the keys in your car and always LOCK** it, even in Caribou County!

When choosing locks for your home's exterior doors it's best to choose dead bolt locks, they are harder for a burglar to open. And the harder you make it for a burglar to get in the more likely he will be to move on to an easier target.

Make friends with your neighbors, so they know your comings and goings and you know theirs. You can watch for strangers coming and going at each others homes. This is one of the very best security systems you can have for your home, and it's also the cheapest. Neighborhood watches are easy and fun to set up.

If you are leaving for an extended time for a vacation etc, be sure to call the post office and the paperboy to have them hold your mail and newspaper until you return, unless you have someone who is willing to collect it for you daily. Mail and newspapers piling up at a house is sure sign that the occupants are out of town. Automatic lights are also a good idea when you go on vacation. You can get timers which you can set to go on and off at various times, and on different days, so strangers think you are home.

Our office has tried to provide property watches to the residence of Caribou County, and will continue to do so as long as our deputies have the time on their shift to make it around to do the checks. However, there are times when our Deputies are so busy they just don't get around to all of the properties on our list, as we would like to do. So if you do take out a property watch with our office we ask that you also take some other security measures as well. We will strive to watch your property to the best of our ability, but we can't be everywhere at all times of the day. If you would like a Property Watch on your home while you are gone call our office for Caribou County, Grace and Bancroft 547- 2561 in Soda Springs call 547-3213.