

Louisville Metro Police Department

8th Division Newsletter

The LMPD 8th Division issues a monthly email newsletter available to subscribers. Barbour Manor is located in the 8th Division. Below is the April 2023 newsletter as an example of the information contained in the newsletters. The Barbour Manor Homeowners Association encourages every member to subscribe.

Copy the link below to your web browser to subscribe:

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Message from Major Wampler

The tragic and heinous events in downtown Louisville at Old National Bank on Monday, April 10, 2023, leave many of us with more questions than we can find answers for. The one thing which was reinforced after the events is the strength and love our community has for each other. The outpouring of love and support for the victims and families is a testament to what makes the Louisville community so special. I also want to say THANK YOU to everyone in the community for the outpouring of love and prayers which have been sent to our injured hero Officer Nickolas Wilt and the Louisville Metro Police Department. Your support has been felt and is greatly needed during these difficult times.



I would like to recognize Northeast Christian Church for their generosity and support to the entire LMPD family. Through their outreach ministries the Church visited every LMPD division delivering an abundance of drinks, snacks, and a handwritten note to every officer on LMPD. Pastor Tyler Mackenzie and Outreach Coordinator Leslie Bowman were recognized at Compstat for their amazing support on April 20th. This is just one example of the outpouring of support mentioned earlier. The list is extensive of everyone who has gone out of their way to support us during this difficult time and I would like to reiterate how much we truly appreciate the support.

As everyone in Louisville knows we are now in the middle of the largest event in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky Derby Festival. LMPD is very busy this time of year and our officers are working at events throughout the month long festival to ensure everyone's safety. As you celebrate the Kentucky Derby Festival with your friends and families please be safe and enjoy this special event which highlights the Louisville community.

In your Service,

Major Eric Wampler

March 2023

Officer of the Month

The 8th Division has two Officers sharing the March 2023 Officer of the Month award. Officer Heather Gregory and Officer Kelly Murphy have been recognized for their work in developing suspects for a significant number of stolen Kia and Hyundai vehicles near the Westport Rd. and Hurstbourne Pkwy. area over several weeks. The officers observed a pattern and specific MO involving two suspects who were charged with committing thefts on their patrol beats. The officers identified the suspects and the location they were living at during their investigation. The information these officers gathered was passed along to detectives which resulted in both suspects being interviewed and confessing to multiple auto thefts in and out of the division. Their actions and initiative led to numerous cases being cleared by arrest and both suspects being criminally charged. Please join me in congratulating Officer Gregory and Officer Murphy for being named the March 2023 8th Division Officer of the Month.

Officer Heather Gregory



Officer Kelly Murphy





Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers from the 8th Division for coffee and conversations. No Agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Coffee with a cop will be held at the locations and times listed below.



**9254 Westport Rd.
9 to 10 a.m.**

**9901 Ormsby Station Rd.
9 to 10 a.m.**



8th Division Crime Trends

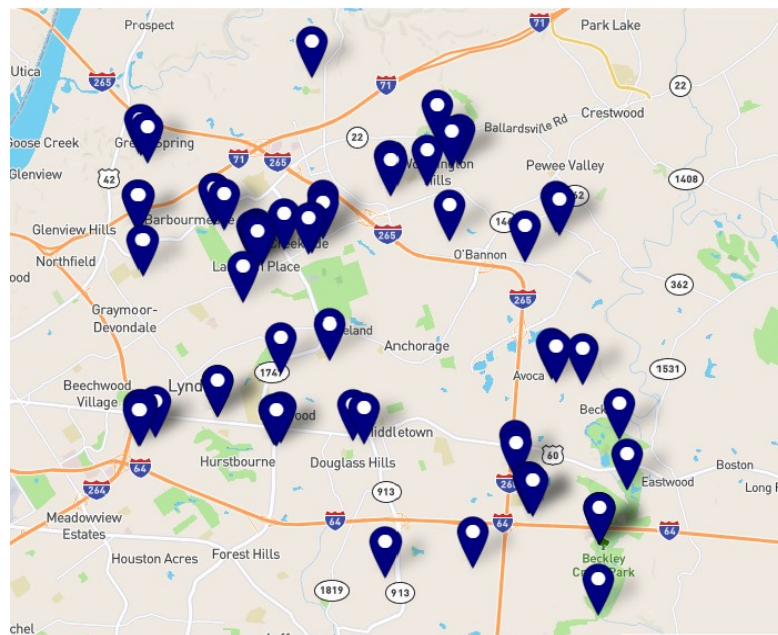
Motor vehicle thefts and theft from vehicles continue to be the most prevalent crime problems in the division. While we have seen a reduction of 24% in motor vehicle thefts and 8% in theft from vehicles we still have room for improvement. Your efforts of following the crime prevention tips and calling police when you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhoods has helped us reduce these crimes in the division.

The below graph and map represent the theft from motor vehicle and motor vehicle theft incidents in the 8th Division from 3/28/2023 to 4/27/2023. As you can see from the map below the incidents are spread out throughout the division and concentrated in residential areas.

The majority of our incidents still involve unlocked vehicles in residential areas parked in driveways, open garages, and apartment parking lots. Locking vehicles and removing any valuables to include spare vehicle keys greatly reduces your risk of being a victim of these crimes.



8th Division Crime Map



Motor Vehicle Theft

- 13 of 15 (87%) non-Kia thefts were completed using the vehicle keys
- 14 of 29 (48%) involved Kia or Hyundai vehicles
- 8 of 14 (57%) Kia or Hyundai thefts were unsuccessful attempts
- 15 of 15 (100%) non-Kia thefts were unlocked vehicles

Many of our non-Kia vehicle thefts involve keys which were used to take the vehicle. A majority of these occur when criminals are checking for unlocked vehicle doors and find a spare key in the vehicle. Please make sure you are removing the keys from your vehicle and locking your doors even if you are parking in your garage. We have seen vehicles with unlocked doors and keys in the vehicle taken from attached and unattached garages.

For more information regarding Kia and Hyundai vehicle thefts see the LMPD Kia PSA below.

[**LMPD Kia PSA Link**](#)

Kia and Hyundai have launched a campaign to address the trend of thefts. A link to the NHTSA press release regarding the campaign is below.

[**Kia and Hyundai Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign**](#)

Theft from Motor Vehicle

- 26 of 36 (72%) occurred during overnight hours
- 22 of 36 (61%) victim stated vehicle was unlocked
- 4 of 36 (11%) victim did not state if vehicle was locked and there was no damage
 - 10 of 36 (28%) had forced entry into the vehicle
- 6 of the forced entry were at a park with items visible in the vehicle
- 4 of the forced entry were possible attempts to steal a Kia

Most of the thefts from motor vehicles in the 8th Division involve unlocked vehicles which are parked in residential areas. There are groups of individuals caravanning in vehicles throughout our neighborhoods during overnight hours. These groups are checking parked vehicles to see if the doors are unlocked. They are looking for these unlocked vehicles to take anything of value and steal the car if the keys are left in it. We have seen several of these individuals armed with firearms while checking car doors. Please do not confront these individuals yourself. There is a high likelihood they could be armed. Please call dispatch immediately so we can have officers stop them. Officers are actively looking for the individuals committing these crimes and we need your help to address these crimes.



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PREVENTING VEHICLE THEFTS & THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING UNATTENDED
- DO NOT LEAVE SPARE KEYS OR FOBS IN YOUR VEHICLE
87% OF RECENT NON-KIA STOLEN VEHICLES INVOLVE LEAVING KEYS IN THE VEHICLE
- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DOORS
61% OF RECENT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES WERE FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLES
- DO NOT LEAVE THE WINDOWS OPEN OR PARTIALLY OPENED
- PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS
- AVOID ISOLATED AREAS & PARKING SPOTS
- REMOVE VALUABLE ITEMS FROM YOUR VEHICLE
(WALLETS, PURSES, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, FIREARMS, ETC.)

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR VEHICLE TO (502) 574-7111



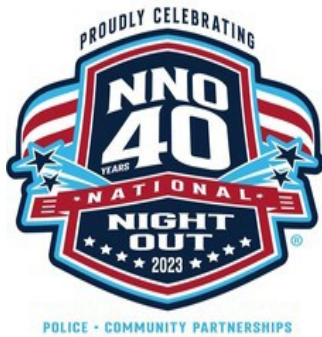
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HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION

- ENSURE SHRUBBERY AROUND YOUR HOME IS WELL KEPT REDUCING PLACES TO HIDE
- MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK OCCUPIED
- KEEP YOUR GARAGE CLOSED AT ALL TIMES
- REMOVE GARAGE DOOR OPENERS FROM VEHICLES WHEN PARKED OUTSIDE
- ENSURE DOORS ARE LOCKED, INCLUDING SIDE DOORS TO GARAGES
- USE DEADBOLTS ON EXTERIOR DOORS
- USE FLOOR LOCKS ON SLIDING GLASS DOORS FOR BETTER RETENTION
- DON'T TEMPT A THIEF WITH LAWN MOWERS, BIKES, GRILLS, AND OTHER EASY TO REMOVE PROPERTY

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Save the Date

8th Division National Night Out

Tuesday August 1, 2023

5 to 8 p.m.

Warren Walker Park

501 Gatehouse LN

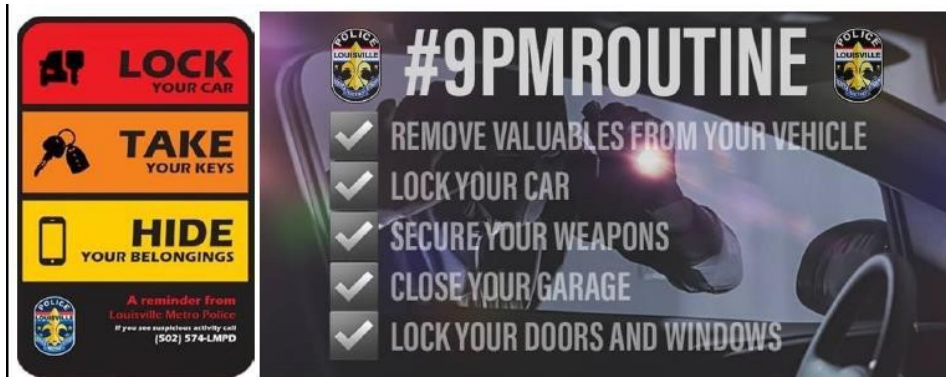
We want your help and input.

LMPD is seeking feedback from you regarding our policies. A section of the LMPD website is dedicated for members of the public to have input on policy revisions. Click the link below to be a part of the policy review process.

[LMPD Public Review of Policy](#)

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