



## TOWN OF EAST TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY / PRESS RELEASE**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Law enforcement is a very dangerous profession. Officers must always be alert and aware of their surroundings. One of the most dangerous aspects of their job is conducting traffic stops. At times, procedures may appear unnecessary but even the most routine traffic stop can turn into a potentially dangerous situation to both the citizen, the officer and the passerby.

If you understand what may happen during a traffic stop and what is expected of you during the stop, common misunderstandings may be eliminated. Chief Jensen would like to share with you some common-sense advice that can help ensure both your safety, the officers safety and the safety of those around you.

When you observe the flashing red/blue lights in your rear-view mirror please follow these guidelines:

- Pull over to the right side of the roadway and try to position your vehicle out of the traffic lane. If you are in the far-left lane on the freeway, pull over to the left side of the roadway and try to position your vehicle out of the traffic lane.
- Turn off your radio and other electronic devices. Roll down your driver's window. Keep your seatbelt on. Turn on your hazard lights, especially if it is dark.
- **STAY CALM.** Tell your passengers to be quiet and calm too. As the officer walks up to your vehicle stay in your car, put your hands on the steering wheel and only make slow movements. Remember, the officer is watching carefully to make sure a weapon is not being produced or a driver or in some instances a passenger(s) are trying to hide something.
- The officer will ask you for your driver's license and proof of insurance. Remember, you do not have to be told why you were stopped but in most instances, the officer will tell you why you were stopped.
- Answer all questions politely and honestly. Remain calm.
- Follow the officer's directions concerning getting out your vehicle. You may be asked to exit the vehicle if you are suspected of alcohol use, possession of illegal objects, or safety violations. Officers may pat you down. Do not resist a pat down.
- Remember, be polite and courteous. Do not argue about a ticket if you receive one. Citations can be contested in court. The courtroom is the proper place to argue about your ticket. Not the street.
- Do not be surprised if other patrol cars come upon the scene. It is common for other officers to drive by to check on their fellow officer. After all, traffic stops are one of the most dangerous aspects of police work.

Chief Jensen stated "the Town of East Troy Police Department, and all police departments, strive to provide professional service to everyone. The best way to avoid a traffic stop ... drive safe and obey all traffic laws".

For more information, you may contact the Town of East Troy Police Department at 262-642-3700

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### **FROM THE CHIEFS DESK**

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### **Residential Burglary Prevention Tips**

Daylight savings is over. It is dark before most homeowners return home from work. Based on some historical data and trends, we have found that burglars will often strike in the early evening, shortly after nightfall and before homeowners return to the home. Based on this, we would like to remind everyone of steps you can take to reduce your chances of becoming a burglary victim.



1. Keep your homes well-lit and keep up the appearance that someone is home.

- Keeping lights on outside of your home will make burglars less likely to approach your home because they do not want to be seen. Also keeping lights, televisions, and radios on when you're not home will give the appearance that someone is there. Putting lights or televisions/radios on timers is also a good idea especially if you set them so that they turn on and off in different rooms at times that do not coincide with each other. This will give the appearance of people moving throughout your home to anyone watching from the outside.

2. Don't "advertise" valuables that may be inside your home.

- With your shades or curtains open, take a walk around the outside of your home and see what items are visible from the outside. You may want to move anything of high value that is visible to anyone looking into your home from the exterior. Additionally, do not leave boxes from high end products out by the trash. These boxes will alert thieves of what may be inside the home. Cut up the boxes and stack the pieces with your recycle pick up.

3. Secure your doors and windows.

- The FBI reports that over 30% of all burglaries occur without forcible entry to the residence. This means that the burglar was able to gain entry to the home by using an unlocked door, unlocked window, or by using a key. Make sure your doors and windows are locked and fully secure when you leave or when you go to sleep for the evening. Also make sure all garage doors are closed and locked, especially if the garage is attached to the home. Lastly, don't hide spare keys outside your home. Burglars will look for them and will use them to make an entry if found.

4. Set and activate your alarm (if you have one).

- Set and activate your alarm system before you leave. Also make sure your alarm company has current contact information for you in case of an alarm activation.

5. Prepare before leaving on vacation.

- Before you leave on vacation, stop the mail and newspapers. Tell your neighbors you are leaving and ask them to report any suspicious activity. Submit a vacation home lookout request with our police department. We offer house checks as a courtesy and are very happy to do them for you. You can call 262-642-3700 or stop in the station to complete the request.

6. Consider adding a smart doorbell to your home

- Basically, a smart doorbell is a device that your visitors push just like a normal doorbell. However, when connected to a Wi-Fi network, smart doorbells give you the benefit of receiving alerts when someone is at the door, seeing who it is, and communicating with your visitors — all from your smartphone, anywhere in the world. This gives the appearance that you are home making it less likely that someone will attempt to break in. Plus, you will also be able to alert the police of suspicious persons at your door as well as provide a description of the person to the responding officers.

7. Stay vigilant.

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you see things that seem out of place or suspicious trust your instincts and notify the police immediately.

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### **UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY/NEWS RELEASE**

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Is there a person in your home who has Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autistic, wheelchair bound, diabetic or another medical condition not mentioned? If so, please let us know. We would like to have that information in our "system" so we may properly respond to your home. Communications and proper medical information is critical toward the proper care of your loved one in the event you call for police or medical services. Call 262-642-3700 for further information. This information will not be shared with the public. It is strictly confidential.

Going away for the winter or just a few days? We provide vacation checks of your home or business while you are away. You will have to provide some information such as key holder, emergency contact etc. Wouldn't it be nice having an extra set of eyes on your place while you are gone? Call the station at 262-642-3700 and we will start your vacation checks.

Speaking of an extra set of eyes on your place. Crime prevention begins in your home and in your own neighborhood. Neighbors looking out for neighbors ... that's the key! If you see a suspicious auto or person, call the police department. Provide us with as complete of a description as possible of the person (height, weight, clothing, race etc.) and/or vehicle (type, color, license plate number etc.).

Remember to lock your residence and garage doors. An open door is an invitation to those looking to steal the valuables you worked so hard to get. Thank you for your attention to these crime prevention suggestions. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING! CALL 911**

Winter is here and with it come some added challenges to winter driving. It is a good idea to drive slower, create more space between the vehicle ahead of you and give yourself extra driving time. You should consider adding a winter survival kit to your vehicle. Get a small cardboard box or plastic container and add these items: sand, extra pair of gloves, extra wool cap, scarf, space blanket, flashlight with fresh batteries, hand warmers, foam knee pad and an ice scraper. If you can, add a small shovel to assist you just in case you get stuck.

Speaking of snow, please do your part in keeping our roadways safe by not shoveling or plowing your snow onto the town roadway. It is a violation of town ordinance and those piles of snow create a road hazard to motorists driving over them. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

As your Police Chief, I would like to take a moment and thank you for the courtesies extended to the members of my Department this past year. Thanks to the Town Board for their attentive ear, the

Department Officers, Town Staff, Department of Public Works and all the community members and leaders that went out of their way to make 2020 a successful year. A lot was accomplished, and I look forward to continuing to build those community relationships that make the Town of East Troy the great community that it is.

In closing I would like to share our Department Vision and Mission Statements:

#### **VISION**

A town where all can live safely and without fear, protected by a police department with the highest ethical and professional standards.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Town of East Troy Police Department, as part of and empowered by the community, will protect the Town of East Troy through enforcement, prevention, partnership and professional services.

Please do not hesitate to call if our Department can be of any service to you. Peace on Earth and best wishes throughout the New Year.

Regards,

*Chief Don P. Jensen*

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### MEDIA ADVISORY / PRESS RELEASE

Calls have been received regarding Coyotes howling at night and Coyote sightings. Let me assure you, living in the country, you will both hear and see Coyotes.

Coyotes are usually nocturnal, but they do show themselves during the day. Just because you see one or hear one does not mean you should call the police No, do not call 911.

However, there are certain behaviors that are cause for alarm by Coyotes and they are:

- Coyotes dropping anvils from hot air balloons
- Coyotes in possession of a giant magnet
- Coyotes in possession of "TNT"
- Coyotes carrying product marked "ACME"
- Coyotes posting signs such as "detour" or "free bird seed"
- Coyotes in possession of a catapult
- Coyotes on roller skates with rockets attached

Please ... call 911 immediately if you witness any of the above behavior by COYOTES.

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