



Response to Questions on the 2016 LOBs

Request By: Supervisor Smyth

Relevant LOB(s): LOB #208

Question: Provide statistics regarding crimes associated with unlocked doors, windows and cars.

Response:

During calendar year 2015, the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) reported 3,618 thefts from motor vehicles and 604 residential burglaries. The FCPD's records management system does not capture whether a vehicle or home was locked or unlocked during these events. As a result, crime analysts for the district stations conducted a manual review of each vehicle theft and residential burglary within their district to identify thefts and burglaries with unlocked doors or no sign of forced entry. The results of this review are summarized below:

Thefts from Motor Vehicles:

DISTRICT STATION	TOTAL THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES	UNLOCKED OR NO SIGN OF FORCE ENTRY	% UNLOCKED OR NO SIGN OF FORCE
Sully District Station	532	373	70.11%
Franconia District Station	434	280	64.52%
McLean District Station	545	345	63.30%
West Springfield District Station	725	448	61.79%
Reston District Station	416	256	61.54%
Fair Oaks District Station	278	167	60.07%
Mt. Vernon District Station	345	124	35.94%
Mason District Station	343	103	30.03%
TOTAL	3,618	2,096	57.93%

Residential Burglaries:

District Station	TOTAL RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES	UNLOCKED OR NO SIGN OF FORCE ENTRY	% UNLOCKED OR NO SIGN OF FORCE
Fair Oaks District Station	54	16	29.63%
Mason District Station	63	18	28.57%
Mt. Vernon District Station	103	28	27.18%
Franconia District Station	70	19	27.14%
West Springfield District Station	108	27	25.00%
McLean District Station	64	13	20.31%
Sully District Station	61	10	16.39%
Reston District Station	81	11	13.58%
TOTAL	604	142	23.51%



As reflected above, nearly 58 percent of thefts from motor vehicles and over 23 percent of residential burglaries occurred when the vehicle/home was unlocked or there was no sign of forced entry. It is important to note that this is a nationwide trend and that numerous agencies have implemented initiatives to target this specific problem. FCPD is currently reviewing the success of these initiatives to determine how to address this issue.

It is also important to note that FCPD is in the process of implementing a new records management system. A major part of the configuration plan is to ensure various fields will be added to the reports so that more specific information can be collected. This will allow FCPD to capture more specific data from the system about particular incidents, such as whether forced entry was used or no sign of forced entry was evident in thefts from motor vehicles or residential burglaries.