



## HOLIDAY PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

The current state of affairs nationwide and locally has a lot of people on edge. Unemployment is the highest it has been in years. Times are tough for a lot of people. Unfortunately, when times get tough, crime increases, especially opportunistic crimes such as mail and package theft. Thieves are remarkably brazen considering the amount of people working/schooling from home and the number of video doorbells/cameras people have installed. Shoppers are exercising caution during this pandemic by shopping online in lieu of shopping in-person, thus the number of deliveries will go up significantly. Mail and package theft will be at an all time high soon. Together, we can help prevent this crime from happening in our neighborhoods by employing these crime prevention tips:

- ◆ Track your shipments online
- ◆ Sign up for shipment status updates
- ◆ Have packages delivered to your workplace
- ◆ Use a shipping store address
- ◆ Find a nearby Amazon Locker
- ◆ Require vacation package hold
- ◆ Insure your incoming packages
- ◆ Require signature on delivery
- ◆ Reschedule delivery for when someone is home
- ◆ Ask a neighbor / friend / family member to secure your package
- ◆ Install high definition security cameras
- ◆ Report suspicious vehicles following delivery vehicles
- ◆ Ask the delivery service to hold the package for Customer Pick-up at their facility
- ◆ Install a locking bin such as Smart Package Locker. The bin should be bolted down so it cannot be removed.
- ◆ If the retailer offers curbside pick-up, use it
- ◆ Remove the mail from your mailbox daily
- ◆ Report suspicious activity / vehicles or people loitering around the community mailboxes
- ◆ Watch out for your neighbor. Let them know they have a package on their stoop.

### **Draper City Hall will be temporarily closed**

City staff continue to be available by phone or email during this time.

Temporarily closing City Hall for in-person services will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among our residents who use our services, and insure our City employees and first responders continue to stay healthy while serving the community.

More information available: <http://www.draper.ut.us/>

If you would like more information on any of the material mentioned in this month's newsletter, contact Draper's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 801.576.6342 or [crimeprevention@draper.ut.us](mailto:crimeprevention@draper.ut.us)