



I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to help keep our properties safe. First and foremost, don't make yourself an easy target! By that I mean, lock your property, don't leave things in plain view. Put away your toys, don't leave them on your front lawn or in view of anyone driving by.

There is the old saying that I myself have said, "I've lived here all my life, I shouldn't have to lock up everything I own!!" .....your right, you shouldn't have to, but those days are gone!

I ran our stats for 2016, for the four RM's, three towns and two villages, (RM of Paynton, Eldon, Britannia, Wilton, Towns of Maidstone, Lashburn, Marshall, Villages of Paynton and Waseca) this is the area that Maidstone Polices. We have had 45 stolen vehicles in 2016, this does not include quads, trailers, skidoos, boats, etc. Of those 45 stolen vehicles, 39 had their keys in them while 6 said that they did not have keys in them. Another important piece of information was that we ran into the same Criminals on more than one occasion trying to steal vehicles in the same community. That tells me one thing- they were successful the first time, got out of jail, and now they know where to find unlocked vehicles, so they came back!

I think those numbers speak for themselves, we need to lock our vehicles, houses and property..... Help us and lock up your property. Let's not make this an easy task for the Criminals!

Sincerely,

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