

### **Tips to Prevent Package Thefts**

We are now squarely in the holiday gift buying season, and more shoppers are using on-line services to order products that can be shipped directly to their homes. Unfortunately, this is also the season when the theft of delivered packages increases as well.

We have included a few tips below to reduce the chances of having a delivered package stolen from your residence. Please make sure to have your package delivered where someone can actually receive the package in person. You may want to have the package delivered to your work place or have it delivered to a trusted relative's or friend's home, where they can take delivery of the package if you cannot be at home. If the package has to be delivered to your residence and you cannot take delivery of the package, please have a relative, friend, or neighbor pick up the package from your doorstep as soon as possible. Also, please leave delivery instructions for the delivery driver so the driver can put the package somewhere out of sight from the sidewalk or roadway. You can now track most deliveries on line, which may allow you to try and meet the driver delivering your package as well. If possible also request a signature confirmation of the delivery, and please look into insuring any valuable packages you are expecting.

Please call the non-emergency number at 933-4444 if you notice any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.