

Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for Aug 26, 2022

HELLO. IT IS AUGUST 26TH. PLEASE STAND BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. IT WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING, NEIGHBORS. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

INDEPENDENCE IS A SAFE COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE HAVE A **DEDICATED AND HIGHLY SKILLED POLICE FORCE** THAT **DILIGENTLY SERVES AND PROTECTS** OUR RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. **I COULDN'T BE PROUDER.**

LAST YEAR THE CITY INSTALLED FLOCK SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN HIGH-TRAFFIC AREAS. THE TECHNOLOGY HAS PROVEN TO BE AN **EFFECTIVE CRIME-FIGHTING TOOL.**

THAT SAID, **NO COMMUNITY** CAN ESCAPE CRIME 100-PERCENT OF THE TIME.

LAST WEEK **WHILE POLICE WERE ARRESTING** A SUSPECT IN A STOLEN CAR NEAR ROCKSIDE ROAD, A RESIDENT HAD THEIR CAR STOLEN **FROM THEIR DRIVEWAY.**

IT WAS ANOTHER CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY – THE CAR WAS **LEFT UNLOCKED** WITH THE KEY FOB INSIDE.

ON THURSDAY, INDEPENDENCE POLICE FOUND THE RESIDENT'S STOLEN CAR IN CLEVELAND, WHERE IT HAD BEEN ABANDONED ON THE STREET.

THERE IS A LIMIT TO WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS CAN DO TO PREVENT CAR THEFTS. **IT IS UP TO EACH OF US TO BE VIGILANT** AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OUR PROPERTY.

LOCK YOUR CAR, PARK IT IN A GARAGE OR A WELL-LIT PLACE, ALWAYS TAKE YOUR KEY WITH YOU **AND** IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, **CALL INDEPENDENCE POLICE.**

AS YOUR MAYOR AND SAFETY DIRECTOR, REST ASSURED **THE CITY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO COMBAT CRIME.**

YOU CAN FIND MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE CITY IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

NOW STAY SAFE, BE WELL AND AS ALWAYS GOD BLESS.