



## Coral Gables Police: Dedicated to Make Coral Gables a Safer City

**B**EING A COP IS A DANGEROUS JOB ANYWHERE IN the world as seen in the tragic story of two New York police officers who recently lost their lives in the line of duty. But for many, being a police officer -- and willingly putting themselves at risk -- is a calling, according to Coral Gables Interim Police Chief Ed Hudak. "I can't think of a single reason why I'd do anything else. I made a commitment in 1988 to protect and serve this community and that is still my mission today."

His dedication is shared by the entire force of the Coral Gables Police Department (CGPD), the men and women in blue who commit every day to safeguard the lives and property of residents, workers, and visitors. "CGPD's number one priority in 2015 continues to be the reduction of crime in Coral Gables," clarifies Hudak. To accomplish this, CGPD is strategically deploying its police presence guided by the collaborative intelligence of the Criminal Investigations Division, the Uniform Patrol Division and the Specialized Enforcement Division. Coral Gables Police also team up with Pinecrest, Palmetto Bay, West Miami, City of Miami and South Miami municipalities to reduce crime in neighboring jurisdictions.

Police leaders, however, know that there is still much work to be done and that they cannot do this alone. They are asking citizens to stay vigilant and involved in police crime prevention efforts. As Coral Gables experienced recently, many crimes of opportunity could have been prevented when an increase in stolen vehicles occurred because spare keys or key fobs were left inside those vehicles.

These thefts could be drastically reduced if people would remove spare keys from



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inside their vehicles. It is important to lock the car doors, close all windows, and take valuables in plain view out of the vehicles. Leaving an unlocked vehicle is an open invitation to opportunistic criminals, says the Coral Gables Police. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to smash a car window and grab whatever is visible.

*CGPD is also asking drivers to remove items from the center consoles and glove compartments of their vehicles that may contain personal information such as address, vehicle insurance or vehicle registration. This is the first place thieves look not only for valuables, but to access residences and steal personal identity. In case of any suspicious activity anywhere, any time, the Coral Gables Police Department wants to know: call 305-442-1600. Help us fight crime and make Coral Gables a safer city.*

