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Greetings & happy August from the New Providence Police Department! This is Detective Michael Carlino, Community Services Officer for the Department. Thank you for signing up for this monthly newsletter. This newsletter will hopefully address any local matters or concerns, including (but not limited to): town events, general police inquiries, ordinance inquiries, information on recent scams, information on recent crime trends, and different helpful safety tips.

I will do my best to address any concerns in a timely manner and I appreciate your patience as I navigate through your responses.

Previous Events:

National Night Out: We had a fantastic turn-out this year. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with our First Responders and had another memorable "Night Out."

Police Youth Academy: An amazing group of kids who performed spectacularly. Please look out for our next round (Summer 2024) if you are interested in having your kids participating.

Upcoming or Current Events/Programs:

PBA Car Show: Saturday, October 7th from 10AM - 3PM at the Community Pool (1378 Springfield Avenue). Please join us for a great town event with raffles, give-a-ways, and delicious food trucks!

Downtown Scarecrow Contest: Beginning in October, look out for "Officer S. Crow" to be displayed along Springfield Avenue. Don't forget to vote as your favorite entry (votes made at local businesses)!

Pumpkin Contest/Trunk-Or-Treat: Sunday, October 29th from 1PM - 2:30PM at the Community Pool (1378 Springfield Avenue). Please join us for some spooky family fun! Pumpkin decorators have a chance to win a gift card in their age category!

DEA Take Back Day: Saturday, October 28th from 10AM - 2PM at the New Providence Municipal Center. Please come and turn in your unused medications at our collection site.

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Recent Scams and Crime Trends:

Car Burglaries: Surrounding towns are dealing with stolen cars and thefts from inside vehicles. As always, be diligent about locking your vehicles and bringing your keys & valuables inside with you. Keep exterior house doors locked when you are away from your home or sleeping.

Online Frauds: The best defense against online fraud is not to open any suspicious emails or text messages. Some of these scams can be disguised as “normal” phone numbers or email addresses. Always call a reliable customer service number, when suspicious, to confirm any legitimacy. In addition, create strong passwords and utilize fraud protection services (research trustworthy companies).

Telephone Scams: Very similar to the online frauds, phone calls are being made pretending to be Utility Services, Credit Card Companies, or Chain Stores. They have mentioned suspicious orders placed, suspicious charges on your account, or unpaid bills. Hang up and call these institutions yourself (using a reliable customer service number).

Our citizens can help assist with some of these crimes! Be aware of your surroundings and, when possible, look out of your windows or doors periodically. If you see someone committing a crime, hear suspicious sounds late at night, or your dog is barking at an odd hour, call the Police Department IMMEDIATELY. We are happy to investigate the matter further, it is why we are here! We would rather investigate and find out that it was nothing instead of taking a report AFTER an incident has already happened. Police matters are normally time sensitive, so calling hours or days after the incident can hinder our investigation.

If anyone is interested in the Police Department Bi-Monthly Press Release for more crime-related information, please check out our Facebook page or the Borough Website under the [Police](#) tab and click on [Press Releases](#).

A Friendly Reminder to always lock your vehicles and bring valuable inside of your homes!

Thank you for reading and please reach out if you need anything, we are here for you!

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