Fact vs Fiction

Fiction:

Most people record their property's information and can provide it to law enforcement once it is lost or stolen.

Fact:

In most cases victims of theft have very little information about what was stolen. Statistically less than 10% will have enough information so the stolen item can be entered into NCIC.

Fiction:

All serial numbers are unique to a single item.

Fact:

The same serial number may be used by a manufacturer more than once. For example a camera may have the same serial number as a television. It is important to know the make and model in addition to the serial number because this will be the factor that will distinguish the two items from one another.

Fiction:

Stolen property must have a serial number before law enforcement can recover it.

Fact:

Law Enforcement can recover any property that can be positively identified by serial numbers or other special markings.

Burglars seek small, hard-to-trace, high-value objects

- Jewelry
- Laptops
- Small electronics (iPods etc.)
- DVD's / CD's
- Video game systems (XBOX360/PS3)

Burglars generally gain entry through

- 81% First Floor
- 34% Front Door
- 23% 1st Floor Window
- 22% Back Door
- 10% Garage
- Residential burglaries generally require very little force to gain entry



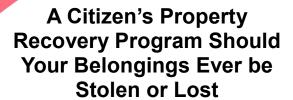
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Operation Inventory





Record Makes, Models & Serial Numbers of Valuables

What is Operation Inventory?

Operation Inventory is a crime prevention initiative designed to help law enforcement successfully identify, recover, and return stolen property to its rightful owner. Historically, law enforcement agency's have found the task of identifying ownership, returning lost and or stolen property both challenging and overwhelming.

How Does Operation Inventory Work?

The initiative is based on a simple theory: persuade property owners to document and record their properties' make, model, and serial numbers <u>before</u> a burglary or other loss occurs. Owners then store this property inventory list in a safe location. This inventory can then be used to properly report the loss to law enforcement and insurance companies.

How does this help law enforcement?

By using the information in the property inventory law enforcement officers can enter stolen property into the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) computer data base. This allows any law enforcement agency to search an item's serial number, model and make to determine if it is stolen. The item can then be returned to the owner and the thief properly prosecuted.

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