



Press Release
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Incident Type: Bicycle Safety and Theft Prevention

Summary:

Sutherlin is a smaller community and consists of about 8000 people. There are approximately 3249 households and 2178 families residing in the city. The average income is \$42,407 and the median age is 44 years old.

The Sutherlin Police Department takes around 1200 cases a year on average and averages an 80% clearance rate. One of the most consistent calls for service is bicycle thefts. Bicycle thefts account for 27% of all theft cases taken in Sutherlin. Bicycle thefts are 61% unsolved and the clearance rate (cleared by arrest) is only 14%.

Sutherlin residents are urged to bring their bicycles to the Sutherlin Police Department and register their bicycle serial numbers. Bicycle serial numbers help officers locate the owners of stolen and or lost bicycles. With the help of the public registering their bicycles we are better able to hold those responsible for the thefts accountable. We will also be better able to recover and return property to its rightful owner by use of the registered serial numbers.

The Sutherlin Police Department will be passing out free bicycle helmets and bicycle locks (while supplies last) for those who register their bicycles as part of our Bicycle Safety and Theft Prevention Awareness Program. Please have your bicycles with you at the time of registration. Bike owners can also go online and register through the National Bike Registry or the National Cycle Database.

Please lock your bicycles and/or store them in a secure area to help prevent theft.

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