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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CHECKS

(Notice to those requesting security checks of their home and/or property)

It is the intention of the Gratiot County Sheriff's Office that our deputies make every attempt to provide you with regular security checks of your property while you are away for the winter months or other extended vacations. However, you should realize that you too have some responsibilities in safeguarding your home and/or property. Below is a list of things that you can do in order to make sure your property remains as safe as possible:

1. It is most important to attempt to make your house look as though someone is living there.
2. Make arrangements to have the driveway plowed. Remember, you should be attempting to make it look as though you are still there, and it also provides easier access for our deputies.
3. Make arrangements with relatives, friends, and neighbors to drive in and out of your driveway (if snow is on the ground) in order to have tracks in the driveway.
4. Install timers on lights in different areas of your house and have them go on and off during the evening hours.
5. Contact other people, relatives, friends, and neighbors to check on the house and property too. Those other people who would be checking the house should be listed on your request form. The more people you have checking your house the better, if something should happen.

When requesting a security check – we will not take information over the phone – we require those individuals who are requesting security check of their home and/or property to stop into the Sheriff's Office and fill out the form themselves. We realize no one likes to fill out forms, but you have to realize that your home and/or property are investments that are very valuable and well worth the time to take every precaution to protect them.

By you taking every possible precaution listed above, our deputies will do their best to help you in protecting your home and in making time away from home as pleasant as possible.

L. Douglas Wright, Sheriff

Dedicated to serving the needs and safety of all Gratiot County residents and those that traverse her boundaries

