

INSIDE THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Columbus Police Department offers a Vacation House/Vehicle Watch service that allows Columbus citizens to go on vacation or away from home with some added piece of mind. The service is offered to citizens who would like their homes checked on by a Columbus Police Officer, periodically, while they are away. The service is also extended to visitors who park their vehicles in Columbus when departing from the city on an Amtrak Train or a Charter Bus. Like the homes, vehicles are checked periodically by a Columbus Police Officer.

Those who wish to use this service can do so by stopping by the Columbus Police Department to fill out a short form. The Columbus Police Dispatcher will provide the form which takes approximately one or two minutes to fill out. The form is extremely simple and asks for contact information, destinations and dates of departure and return. Once the card is filled out it is placed into a three ring binder and is accessed by on duty officers who will check the listed property as time permits during their shifts. Officers will walk around the perimeter of your home or vehicle and check for broken windows or signs of forced entry. Should a problem be detected the Columbus Police Department will call you, or a listed contact person.

This service helps people leave town and leave their worries behind them. It also deters would be criminals from breaking into homes and vehicles because there is always the chance that an officer will be nearby and checking on the property.

Anyone with questions about this service, or any other service offered can call the Columbus Police Department at (920) 623-5919.

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