“STREET CRIME” SAFETY TIPS
“ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS”

OUTSIDE
• When walking alone, be alert and aware, even suspicious.
• At night, walk in well-lighted areas and use the most direct route.
• Walk near buildings or businesses that are occupied.
• Be aware of cars that pass you more than once.
• Do not walk the same route each time.
• If you feel you are followed, walk to the nearest store or police station. Do not go to your residence.
• Use great care when accessing a wallet or purse in public; you may have an audience.
• IF CONFRONTED, THE DECISION TO RESIST OR TO SUBMIT IS A PERSONAL CHOICE WHICH MUST BE MADE BY THE INDIVIDUAL BASED UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES. REMEMBER, NO AMOUNT OF PROPERTY IS WORTH YOUR LIFE.

DRIVING
• Know the neighborhood you are in.
• At controlled intersections, do not pull up immediately behind the vehicle in front of yours. The vehicle behind you may block you in.
• Keep doors locked and windows up.
• Keep your vehicle in good operational order.
• If you break down, remain in the locked vehicle, and ask a passer-by to contact the police.
• DO NOT HITCH HIKE OR pick up hitch hikers.
• If followed, drive to a 24-hour convenience store or the nearest police station.

PARKING LOTS AND STRUCTURES
• Have your keys in your hand prior to approaching your car.
• Check the seat areas for uninvited guests prior to entry.
• Once inside, lock all doors immediately.
• Park in well lighted areas.
• Ask for an escort in parking facilities that provide them.