



## Monthly Newsletter – February 2021

### SAFETY TIPS OF THE MONTH – VEHICLE THEFT

Thefts from vehicles have spiked over the past year in most neighborhoods. Some are experiencing a threefold increase in thefts; areas like Rockland have gone from 11 to 37, North Jubilee from 11 to 24 and Fairfield from 72 to 154. Vehicles are targeted for a number of reasons and some are more “popular” than others among criminals, the items stolen vary as well but there are a few common hot ticket items, according to police reports.

Why does a criminal target a vehicle?

- To sell abroad: Stolen vehicles are often immediately packed, with their vehicle identification numbers (VINs) still intact, and shipped abroad, where they are sold for many times their market value.
- The sell to unsuspecting consumers: Stolen vehicles may be given a false VIN and then sold to unsuspecting consumers. They can also be dismantled and sold for parts.
- To get somewhere: This may be referred to as “joyriding”.
- To commit other crimes: Stolen vehicles used to commit crimes are often recovered – abandoned and badly damaged – within 48 hours of their theft.

#### The Top 5 Vehicles Stolen in 2020

1. 2018 Honda CR-V 4DR AWD
2. 2017 Lexus RX350/RX450 4DR AWD
3. 2017 Honda CR-V 4DR AWD
4. 2018 Lexus RX350/RX350L/RX450H/RX450HL 4DR AWD
5. 2018 Ford F150 4WD

#### Most popular items stolen from vehicles:

1. Smartphones
2. Personal electronics – tablets, laptops, iPods, GPS systems
3. Work tools
4. Credit cards and personal identification
5. Stereo equipment

It is recommended that you remove all valuables from your vehicle, even if you are not leaving it overnight – car theft can occur any time of day. Try to park in well-lit areas. If you are going to be leaving your vehicle overnight unattended, consider a car alarm system or a steering wheel club.

Themis Security can work with you, your place of business or your neighborhood, to deter these vehicle thefts with our mobile patrol service. We work with a number of apartment buildings and condominiums and provide patrols of their parking areas to deter such activity. Auto theft of any kind is a crime and innocent people may get hurt or killed as a result.

**Themis Security is always standing by to assist you and ensure that you, your family and your employees feel safe, 24 hours a day.**

Themis Security can provide a security audit for your business, condominium or local community to highlight any deficiencies or vulnerabilities. We have been providing neighborhood street patrol since 2013. If you would like assistance in organizing a neighborhood patrol, please contact us at 250-590-4177 or [info@themispro.com](mailto:info@themispro.com)

*“[Themis is] a very valuable asset for me and I am thankful to have them.”*

*– Rob Curtis, Downtown Victoria business owner*

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to leave us a review on [Google](#).



Meet Tem, our Security and Training Manager.  
Thank you to Sign Pad for our new street sign!

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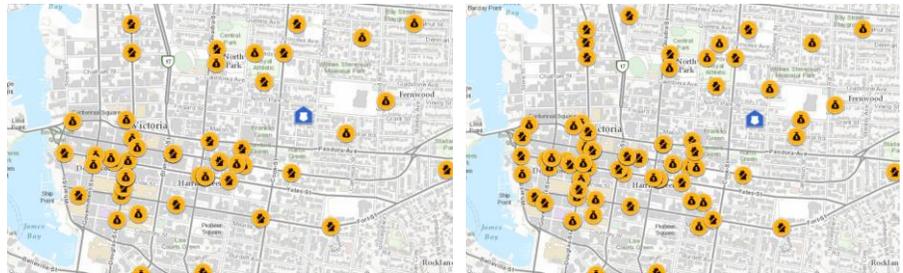
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## CRIME MAPS FOR FEBRUARY

Below are two crime maps depicting calls to VicPD for property damage and theft. The map on the left is for the week of February 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and the map on the right is for the month up to February 18<sup>th</sup>. These graphics can help give you an idea of the amount of crime that is happening on a daily basis in our city. The need for additional security for your business is at an all-time high and Themis Security is here to help.



If you have information regarding break and enters or other crimes, please call VicPD Report Desk at 250-995-7654 ex. 1 or download the [VicPD Connect App](#).

## THEMIS IN THE NEWS

We are excited to join up with the Living Wage for Families Campaign and are making steps to get certified as a Living Wage Employer! You can find the news article from the Times Colonist [here](#) and the CFX interview [here](#). A big thank you to Darren Closter from the Times Colonist and Adam Stirling from CFX 1070 for helping us highlight this milestone.

Themis Security is always looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join our team. If you are someone you know is looking for full or part time employment, please apply at [info@themispro.com](mailto:info@themispro.com).

## MONTHLY FEATURE

We would like to welcome our newest clients, Big O Tires and Tim Horton's! We are excited to work with you and make a difference for your business.

We thank you for your trust in us to provide you with security services and we are looking forward to a successful relationship.



Protecting what matters to you.