

CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAJOR ACTIVITY

OFFENSES – FEBRUARY 2011	NUMBER
Burglary of a Residence	4
Burglary of a Business or Building	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft / Other	4
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	0
Juvenile Offenses	0
Assault	0
Robbery	0
TOTAL	10
Total Calls for Service	1362

During the first eight days of February, three of the four burglaries of habitations listed above were reported to the police department. In each case, an unknown person or persons forced entry into the home, entered, and took valuables.

In response to these incidents, the police department increased patrol in the area where the burglaries had occurred, recovered and submitted evidence for analysis, and networked with the other area police departments in an effort to establish a link to any possible related crimes in other areas.

As a result, I am happy to report that a great deal of progress has been made toward the clearance of these burglaries including at least one arrest and a substantial recovery of property stolen in these local burglaries as well as related burglaries throughout Harris County. As the investigation is still on-going, I am not at liberty to discuss any further specifics. I hope to provide you with additional information in the coming weeks.

I would encourage each of you whose home is equipped with a burglar alarm to take advantage of this very important crime prevention tool by arming your alarm each and every time you leave your home, even if you will be gone only for a few minutes. In addition, I welcome each of you to make use of our “House Watch” program by notifying the police dispatcher if you will be out of town. Each officer on each shift will access the list of homes whose residents are away and will drive by those homes checking for any suspicious activity. You may contact the dispatcher by telephone at 713-465-8323 or by e-mail at dispatch@springvalleytx.com. For additional information on the House Watch program, go to this link: <http://www.springvalleytx.com/health/police/programs/>.

As always, we encourage each of you to be observant and immediately report any suspicious activity to your police department.

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Chief of Police