We just wanted to pass on a few updates to our Precinct 7 community before the holiday season gets into full swing.

-Traffic congestion in our area always seems to peak around the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The early arrival of darkness doesn't help us with this. Please remind your community members to be careful, patient, and perhaps throw in a bit of kindness when they take to the roads.

-Our shopping centers are quickly filling up with people shopping for all sorts of things. When you are out, please try and practice some situational awareness. Pay attention to people and vehicles around you. Take your eyes off of your phone, and concentrate on keeping yourself safe. We have a very safe community, but it will never hurt you to spend an extra minute studying your surroundings. Our officers have been directed to spend extra time in the shopping areas to provide some extra visibility, but you can help protect yourself by practicing situational awareness.

-Lock your vehicles and homes. I can't say it enough, but most of our things that are stolen from vehicles and homes are the result of unlocked doors. If you are shopping and you have items that you need to leave in your vehicle, put them somewhere out of sight, preferably in a trunk or underneath something where they cant be seen.

-Its never too early to think about warmer weather. Last year we had a large amount of interest in our summer Youth Leadership Academy, so we are getting an early start on it this year. Registrations are now open for the 2025 academy. Further information about the program and how to register can be found here: https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/files/departments/police/documents/2025-youth-leadership-academy-flier.pdf

- Our Police Community Relations Council meets the 4th Wednesday of each month (except for Nov and Dec which are the 3rd Wednesdays) at CCBC Hunt Valley at 7pm if you are interested in hearing about department programs, crime in the area, or want to bring concerns to our attention.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday, and as always, please reach out to us if you'd like us to attend one of your community meetings to discuss crime or any other topic specific to your community.

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