

# LIGHT THE NIGHT



**A** well-lit home and neighborhood is better protected than a home or neighborhood without lighting. Crime and darkness go hand-in-hand. Just as you secure your home against criminal entry by installing and using security locks, alarms, and other protective measures, you should give the same attention to your exterior home lighting. Light is a crime prevention tool. Criminals avoid well-lit areas and seek out dark areas or spots to hide, break-in to homes/vehicles, or worse.

**L**ight is a safety tool. Homeowners feel safer coming home to a well-lit driveway, porch, etc. Seeing what is there is more protective than not seeing what is there. Criminals hide in darkness. Light exposes them and their actions.

**L**ight also assists emergency responders when answering calls for help during the overnight hours. Police, fire, and medical services are able to locate quickly where they are needed when addresses and homes are well-lit. In emergency situations, time matters. Slowing down an emergency response because you cannot be easily found could be harmful or dangerous.

**R**ecommended residential security lighting locations include front porch, drive-ways, patios and perimeter sides of the home. Garden areas, walkways and pool areas are all good locations for low decorative /landscape lighting. At times, lighting fixtures will need re-adjustment and of course new bulbs, but the goal is to provide a well-lit home and outside for your family and a discouragement to those criminals seeking a night-time opportunity!

Consider your safety. **D**ecrease your darkness. **T**ake the time to **Light The Night!**