



CRIME FACT CHECK

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (MCSO) REPORTS

Crime Numbers November 2015 to mid-February 2016

- In Anthem, there were a total of 33 reported thefts from vehicles, garages, homes and golf carts.
- Of the 33, eight were in the Country Club community.
 - Of the eight in the Country Club community, ALL were crimes of opportunity. The breakdown of the eight crimes in the Country Club is as follows:
 - One civil matter of someone borrowing a car and never returning it.
 - Three unlocked side garage doors.
 - Two open garage doors.
 - One property left out by front door.
 - One unlocked front door.
 - All entries in the Country Club community were by foot/bike.
- Anthem has low theft/crime rates when compared to other communities of similar size with close freeway access.

MCSO REPORTS

- MCSO has made multiple arrests. Helicopters were used in response to sightings that led to arrests. Additional information from resident tips, descriptions and sightings in both Parkside and the Country Club community has helped to catch those responsible for the recent thefts.
- Once the six perpetrators were caught, the crime levels returned to normal levels.
- MCSO will notify residents if there is a safety concern or emergent situation (missing person) through their standard communication channels which include reverse 911 alert system, Amber and Silver alert system, media, community email, social media, etc.
- MCSO cannot provide details to any case that is open or under investigation. Details are released once a case is closed. Residents should not expect instant information after seeing MCSO cars or helicopter in the area as the officers are often in pursuit or investigation mode.

ACCCA FACTS

- The Anthem Country Club community is a controlled-access community, not a secure community. The gates help control vehicle traffic, but any person at any time may walk or ride a bike into the community through a variety of points of access.
- The gate staff is not security. MCSO and North Valley Posse are our law enforcement.
- The gate staff patrols the Country Club community nightly and patrols at random times throughout the day. Their patrols are conducted with safety in mind and anything suspicious is immediately reported to MCSO. It takes six hours to complete a slow patrol of the entire community. Half the gate staff lives in Anthem and has a vested interest in the community.
- MCSO and Posse also patrol the Country Club community at random times during the day and night.
- The ACCCA works with the Anthem Community Council and MCSO for information and provides that information when it is received, and as directed by MCSO.

MCSO REMINDS RESIDENTS

- Most thefts are convenient and preventable. (“crimes of opportunity”)
- Send a message to criminals the community is not open for shopping. Don't make it easy for them.
 - Lock all points of access (home doors, gates, doors to garages, windows, car doors) all the time - when you are home or not home. Criminals walk by and ring the bell to see if you are home and check the door for quick access.
 - Place security bars in the window track in addition to locking the windows.
 - Never leave windows open when you are away from the home.
 - Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your car when it is parked on the driveway.
 - Close your garage door.
 - Remove valuables from golf carts.
 - Ensure all exterior lighting is in working order. Put interior lamps on timers at night when traveling.
 - Never announce you will be traveling, especially on social media. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to look out for your home while you are away. Use the North Valley Posse Vacation Watch; call them at 602-876-1742 or visit their website at NVPosse.org.
 - Get to know your neighbors and watch out for them.
 - Volunteer to serve as a block captain for Anthem Neighborhood Watch by emailing them at AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com or by contacting ANW Vice Chair Vern Zacho at ANWViceChair@gmail.com.
- For additional safety tips, see the Resident Information page of OnlineAtAnthem.com/ACCCA or OnlineAtAnthem.com/ANW.