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NEWS RELEASE

Vehicle Theft Prevention/Amber Card Event

Date: 7/16/2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Wal-Mart Store 7101 Gateway Blvd. West

El Paso, TX: With personal safety always at the forefront of our day to day lives and the safety of our children being paramount the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills and Westside Regional Commands and their Explorer Posts will team up to offer Amber Cards to those with children between the ages of 2 and 10 years of age. (While supplies last.)

Amber Cards are an identification card that contains the child's physical information to include a picture and a fingerprint. The Identification card is to be possessed by the child's parent, or guardian. It is a helpful tool in the event the child becomes missing. In that instance time is of the essence and the parent/guardian possessing the Amber Card allows law-enforcement to be able to distribute the actual description of the child more expediently and with the goal of locating the child quicker.

Also, with Auto Thefts up at 21% compared to last year and Burglary of Vehicle up 36%, the Auto Theft Task Force of the El Paso Police Department has teamed up with Wal-Mart at 7101 Gateway Blvd. West to provide a Vehicle Theft Prevention Event, Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Etching will be offered to those individuals who wish to participate. VIN Etching is a process in which the vehicle's identification number is permanently etched into the glass of the vehicle. This makes the vehicle less valuable to a thief as it will become more difficult for a thief to sell the parts and also helps assist law enforcement in the recovery of stolen vehicles and identification of "Chop Shops". You may also be eligible for up to a 10% insurance discount from your vehicle's theft coverage.

This is an estimated value of \$100.00-\$300.00. VIN Etching is offered FREE of charge by the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force.

For additional information please contact the Auto Theft Task Force at 915-212-0310 Public Awareness Manager Stephen Plummer.

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