

WCSO trying to curtail trailhead thefts

Washoe County sheriff's deputies are intensifying efforts to keep vehicles and valuables safe at county parks and trailheads.

Data from previous years shows a definite increase in vehicle burglaries at parks and trailheads during the busy summer months. In order to reduce those burglaries, the department has launched a proactive, summerlong action plan.

Investigators identified 54 vehicle burglaries directly related to county parks and trailheads during the summers of 2011, 2012 and 2013.

In an effort to increase public awareness, 30 signs have been installed at two dozen designated parks and trailheads.

The key messages of Take ConTRoL are:

C – Clean it Out: remove valuables from your vehicle.

T – Take your keys with you. Never leave your car running.

R – Report suspicious activity or crimes to the proper authorities as soon as possible.

L – Lock your doors every time. Sheriff's office statistics show that 75 percent of this year's vehicle burglaries involved vehicles that were left unlocked

Anyone who see suspicious activity in any County park or trailhead is encouraged to call 775.785.9276.