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## AUBURN POLICE LAUNCH SUMMERTIME CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

AUBURN, ME – In an effort to reduce and prevent crime in our community, the Auburn Police Department is proud to join a nationally-known public safety campaign called the **#9PMRoutine**.

This program is designed to help prevent burglary and theft from homes and motor vehicles. The concept is quick and easy. Police urge residents to take a few extra moments each evening to make sure their doors are locked, and garage doors are closed and secure.

“Motor vehicle crime is a crime of convenience,” said Police Chief Jason Moen. “Unlocked motor vehicle burglary is one of the most easily preventable crimes we have.”

“You’d be surprised how effective a locked door can be,” said Deputy Chief Timothy Cogle. “There is an average of 70 motor vehicle burglary incidents each year in Auburn; a vast majority of these are thefts from unlocked vehicles.”

As you go through your nightly routine, just a few extra steps will make criminals think twice. Here’s the plan. Every evening at 9PM:

- Remove all valuables from your vehicle
- Lock & secure your vehicle
- Lock & secure your house, garage and out-buildings
- Turn on exterior lights
- Arm your security system (if you have one)
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood

So, join us! Get in the #9PMRoutine; and encourage your neighbors to do the same – especially seniors. The APD will kick off the #9PMRoutine on social media TONIGHT; be sure to reply with a post or a tweet back! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@AuburnPD).