

National Night Out Against Crime 2010

August 3, 2010

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Each year the CVCBD organizes and sponsors events for National Night Out. **We still need volunteers to help with this year's event.** We want to make this year the best yet. If you are interested in assisting with National Night Out in your neighborhood please contact the CVCBD Community Safety Program as soon as possible. **Locations will be provided July 1, 2010.**

Safety Tip of the Week: Preventing Hot Weather Health Emergencies

Even short periods of high temperatures can cause serious health problems. During hot weather health emergencies, keep informed by listening to local weather and news channels or contact local health departments for health and

safety updates. Doing too much on a hot day, spending too much time in the sun or staying too long in an overheated place can cause heat-related illnesses. Know the symptoms of heat disorders and overexposure to the sun, and be ready to give first aid treatment.

Charles Village Crime Alert

June 13, 2010 – June 19, 2010

Armed Robbery – 100 blk. W. 25th Street 6/17/10 8:20 pm

Property Taken: Cell Phone, Keys

Suspect approached demanding a deposit be refunded that he had given for a rental property. The victim declined to return same the suspect then punched and kicked the victim and then took the above listed property and fled. Warrant obtained for the suspect.

Burglary (Residential) – 2500 blk. Barclay Street 6/15/10 9:30 pm

Property Taken: None

Unknown suspect entered through an unlocked rear door. The suspect ransacked the home and fled without taking any property.

Larceny from Auto – 2800 N Charles Street 6/14/10 4:00 pm

Property Taken: Apple iPod

Taken from a 2004 Toyota Corolla MD Tag 7AHR07

Stolen Auto – 2800 N. Charles Street 6/14/10 4:30 pm

Vehicle Taken: 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4dr PA Tag GCM9135

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Safety Advisory Committee meets Wednesday July 7, 2010 @ 3pm 2434 Saint Paul Street (CVCBD Conference Room). Open to all residents.

The CVCBD Community Safety Program is scheduling “Home Safety” audits. This service is free to all residents of the district. The audit will consist of checking all physical security points, exterior, interior hazards, and access control. Please contact the CVCBD CSP today to schedule your home audit.

Campus Safety and Security

Weekly Campus Crime Report

June 14, 2010 - June 21, 2010

On Campus

Theft – *Charles Commons -7th Floor* – between June 17th at 11:30 AM and June 20th at 12:40 PM, cash was taken from three unlocked rooms of a suite occupied by undergraduates. Gift cards were also taken from one of the rooms. Investigation is continuing

Bicycle Theft – *MSE Library Northside Breezeway* – between June 17th at 10:00 PM and June 20th at 1:45 PM a student's mountain bike and cable lock were taken. The cable had secured the bike to the railing. Investigation continuing.

Off Campus

Auto Theft – *2900 Blk N. Charles Street (Service Drive)* – between June 14th at 4:00 PM and June 15th at 8:00 AM a senior reported parking his vehicle in the curb area and when he returned it was missing. Baltimore City Police responded and checked to see if the vehicle was towed with negative results. This incident was reported on June 16th at 8:25 AM. Investigation continuing.

When traveling at night use the **Security Department's escort service at 410-516-8700**. Security Escort Vans are operational from **5:00 PM to 3:00AM**.

All students are welcome to participate in the security ride along program. This report is posted on <http://www.jhu.edu/~security> and distributed to the Residential Advisors.

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CVCBD Community Safety News

THE LATEST PHONE SCAM Targets Your Bank Account

Imagine getting hundreds or thousands of calls on your home, business, or cell phone, tying up the lines. And when you answer, you hear anything from dead air to recorded messages, advertisements, or even phone sex menus.

It's annoying, no doubt. But it could be more than that—it could be a sign that you're being victimized by the latest scam making the rounds. This "telephone denial-of-service attack" could be the precursor to a crime targeting your bank accounts.

Denial-of-service attacks, by themselves, are nothing new—computer hackers use them to take down websites by flooding them with large amounts of traffic.

In a recent twist, criminals have transferred this activity to telephones, using automated dialing programs and multiple accounts

to overwhelm the phone lines of unsuspecting citizens.

Why are they doing it? Turns out the calls are simply a diversionary tactic: while the lines are tied up, the criminals—masquerading as the victims themselves—are raiding the victims' bank accounts and online trading or other money management accounts.

Here, in a nutshell, is how the whole thing works:

Weeks or months before the phone calls start, a criminal uses social engineering tactics or malware to elicit personal information from a victim that this person's bank or financial institution would have—like account numbers and passwords. Perhaps the victim responded to a bogus e-mail phishing for information, inadvertently gave out sensitive information during a phone call, or put too much personal information on social networking sites that are trolled by criminals.

Using technology, the criminal ties up the victim's various phone lines.

Then, the criminal either contacts the financial institution pretending to be the victim...or pilfers the victim's online bank accounts using fraudulent transactions. Normally, the institution calls to verify the transactions, but of course they can't get through to the victim over the phone.

If the transactions aren't made, the criminals sometimes re-contact the financial institution as the victim and ask for it to be done. Or they add their own phone number to victims' accounts and just wait for the bank to call.

By the time the victim or the financial institution realizes what happens, it's too late.

Ultimately, though, it's individual consumers and small- and medium-sized businesses on the front line of this battle. So take precautions: never give out personal information to an unsolicited phone caller or via e-mail; change online banking and automated telephone system passwords frequently; check your account balances often; and protect your computers with the latest virus protection and security software.

And if you think you may have been targeted by a telephone denial-of-service attack, contact your financial institution and your telephone provider, and file a complaint with the FBI's [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).

Neighborhood Walkers on Patrol

Nightly Walks

Monday	8:30 pm 32 nd and Abell Streets
Tuesday	7:30 pm 31 st and Charles Streets
Wednesday	6:30 pm 26 th and Charles Streets
Thursday	7:00 pm 29 th and Calvert Streets 8:00 pm 28 th and Howard Streets 9:00 pm 3013 St. Paul Street
Friday	10:00 am Terra Café 25 th and St Paul Street

USEFUL Links

V.I.N.E Link (Victim Information Notification Everyday) (Maryland):
<https://www.vinelink.com/vinelink/siteInfoAction.do?siteId=21999>

MD Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us>

Baltimore Police Department
<http://www.baltimorepolice.org/>

CVCBD Community Safety Home Page
<http://charlesvillage.org/safety/>

Baltimore City Government Health and Safety
<http://baltimorecity.gov/Residents/HealthSafety/4StepsToFightingCrime.aspx>

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*****CORRECTION*****

ATF WARNS CONSUMERS: ILLEGAL EXPLOSIVES DEVICES ARE NOT FIREWORKS

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) wants consumers to celebrate safely this Fourth of July and be mindful that illegal explosives devices are not fireworks. Illegal or improperly used fireworks can cause severe injuries or even death. ATF wants to make consumers aware that illegal explosives devices are not fireworks. Users risk injury, disfigurement or death by manufacturing or using them. Illegal explosives devices — commonly referred to as M-80s, quarter sticks, or cherry bombs — often come in plain brown or white wrappers, with no identifying marks. Because they meet neither safety nor quality standards, they are extremely dangerous. They can be highly unstable because heat, shock or pressure can trigger accidental detonation. In contrast, consumer fireworks, unless restricted by state or local laws, are fireworks which can be sold to the general public. Consumer fireworks, defined in 27 CFR 555.11, include small firework devices designed to produce visible effects by combustion and which must comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Consumer fireworks are marked with brightly colored and decorated paper and include a trade name and manufacturing information. Items such as sparklers and small firecrackers typically fall into this category of fireworks.

Display fireworks, also defined in 27 CFR 555.11, are large fireworks designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. This term includes, display pieces which exceed the limits of explosive materials for classification as consumer fireworks. Fireworks used in large public displays typically fall into this category. Further, display fireworks are generally wrapped in brown paper, and usually contain some identifying marks.

Any person engaging in the business of manufacturing, importing, or dealing in display fireworks must have an ATF license. Any person otherwise importing (for their own use) or receiving or transporting display fireworks must have at least an ATF permit. It should be noted that although finished consumer fireworks are exempt from ATF regulation, persons manufacturing such materials generally require at least an ATF permit to acquire explosive materials used in the manufacture of consumer fireworks (e.g., flash powder). If you require information on the classification of certain fireworks, please contact your local ATF office.

ATF is the federal law enforcement agency charged with enforcing federal explosives laws. ATF actively works with the CPSC, industry partners and with state and local agencies through their fireworks enforcement programs to prevent trafficking of illegal fireworks and to protect citizens from the dangers of illegal explosive devices.

Report the manufacture or sale of illegal fireworks or explosive devices to your local law enforcement agencies and by calling the toll-free **ATF hotline at 1-888-ATF-BOMB (1-888-283-2662)**, or emailing ATFTips@atf.gov.

An ATF public service announcement is available on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ejj5TFvkjQ>. More information on ATF and its programs can be found at www.atf.gov.