Police Offer Holiday Safety Tips

The Springfield Police Department would like to remind Springfield residents during the holiday season to take some precautions while driving in and around Springfield and also after you've made your holiday purchases. First, during evening and weekend hours, traffic can and does become congested at the major intersections. The SPD asks that you allow enough time to completely clear an intersection before trying to proceed through. If you see that you can't clear the entire intersection before the light changes, wait for the next cycle to proceed. The domino effect of stalled traffic in one intersection is felt throughout neighboring streets and along that same street causing a gridlock for many blocks.

Second, after holiday purchases are made please take the time to place all valuables inside of your trunk. Do not leave anything out in the open for thieves to steal. Make sure and park your vehicle in a well lit area and if possible, park in an area where other vehicles are located. Do not park your vehicle at the end of a parking lot – the chances of your vehicle being broken into are dramatically higher if a vehicle is isolated from others.

Last, remember to always be a "defensive driver" as some drivers are concerned with getting to their next shopping destination and aren't paying attention to the roadway as they should.

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