

Police hope watch program will deter burglars

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 when they see someone or something suspicious.
 But even with the 61 percent — or 116 incidents — increase in residential burglaries during 1983 as compared to 1982, the value of the property stolen dropped by almost half, according to Siefert's report.

THE REASON for the drop in value of stolen property can be linked to the juvenile weekend burglary spree, Siefert said. More often than not, the juveniles took items that were of little value, such as a bottle of pop from a refrigerator.

Nonetheless, jewelry and precious metals continue to be the target of most breaking and enterings and the "most frequently occurring commodity reported taken," Siefert said.
 In 1983, approximately \$78,000 worth of property was stolen compared to \$154,232 in 1982, Siefert indicated. The 1983 statistics average out to about a \$550 loss during each breaking and entering.

WHILE RESIDENTIAL burglaries surged, police reported only 23 commercial/business burglaries, a drop of almost 21 percent from 1982. When the number of residential and

commercial burglaries are combined, Farmington experienced a total 37 percent increase in burglaries during 1983. The combined total of 142 burglaries, both residential and commercial, tops the city's 10 year average of 120.5 burglaries per year, Siefert said.

In 1983, 354 larcenies were reported compared to 346 in 1982.
 The most significant increase was shown in shoplifting, Siefert said, with 88 reported incidents compared to only 57 in 1982.

BUT SHOPLIFTING, Siefert said, is something that must be controlled by

the merchant. Businesses with heavy security always have more reported shoplifters because the offenders are apprehended.

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"Other stores have just as much," he said, adding shoplifters in stores without security get away with stealing merchandise.

Forty-seven vehicles were reported stolen in 1983 at an average value of \$5,328 compared to 34 in 1982 at an average value of \$3,800, Siefert added.

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