

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION SITE REPORT

*A Monthly Review of Theft and Damage Reports to the Calgary Police Service
from New Home Construction Sites in Calgary*

October 2006

The Numbers

	October 2006		October 2005		YTD Total 2006		YTD Total 2005	
	Inc.	Value	Inc.	Value	Inc.	Value	Inc.	Value
Total Incidents*	21	\$70,559	38	\$142,641	216	\$3,415,523	293	\$1,148,080
Break and enter	18		28		153		217	
Damage	7	\$18,350	31	\$22,270	114	\$201,598	132	\$192,986
Thefts	18	\$52,209	31	\$118,371	169	\$588,225	209	\$552,894
Other			1	\$2,000	6	\$10,700	15	
Arson					1	\$2,615,000	2	\$400,200
(Recovered)				(\$1,245)		(\$67,340)		(\$10,421)

*Each incident can include one or more categories of charge

The Details

Items stolen from residential construction sites in October 2006 included:

- \$7,200 in major appliances (fridge, stove, washers, dryers)
- \$2,000 in 2 industrial heaters and 1 furnace
- \$25,870 in materials (bathtubs, sinks, hardwood flooring, cabinets, lumber, siding, windows, doors, electrical wire, stucco wire & paper)
- \$17,409 in tools (nailer, paint sprayer, air compressors, ladders, power saws, etc.)

Incident locations included:

- 4 SW
- 6 SE
- 3 NW
- 8 NE

The Trends

Incident numbers and theft and damage values increased compared to September 2006, more than doubling; however, it should be noted that September's figures were well below average. When compared to October 2005, this month's theft figures were approximately half of last year's, and damage figures were slightly lower.

In September 2006, approximately one third of the incidents occurred on weekdays and two thirds occurred on weekends. Overnight hours, between the departure of the last

contractor one day and the arrival of the first contractor on the following day or days, remained the most common time, although daylight incidents also took place.

Tools (including another incident of a construction trailer being targeted) and materials were the primary theft targets.

The Incidents

High Flow. In one incident, the removal of a kitchen faucet resulted in water left running for several days, with damage to drywall and flooring well over \$10,000.

Repeaters. One home was hit twice over three days – culprits may have returned a second time for items they had identified during the first break-in/theft.

Suspects. In three incidents, police have evidence that identifies suspects and/or vehicles involved.

Doors & Windows. In a significant number of incidents, culprits entered homes that were near completion through doors and windows that had been left unlocked.

Serial Numbers: Contractors and builders are reminded that recording serial numbers, and make and model types, is an essential tool to assist in the recovery of stolen property.

The Calgary Police Service asks all builders to remind staff and site workers to remain vigilant around construction sites. Any suspicious vehicles, and/or persons picking up construction materials (siding, windows, doors, furnaces, OSB sheets, 2x4s, fireplaces, etc.) from new homes under construction, should be reported immediately.

Report any suspicious activity to the CPS at 266-1234.

Report any crime in progress to 911.

Report any information anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

****The information in this report is based on cases reported to the Calgary Police Service by the new home construction industry in Calgary, and is made available at www.calgarypolice.ca as a public service to the industry. Questions about this report may be addressed to the Calgary Police Service Crime Prevention Unit.****