

**Sykesville Police Department
PRESS RELEASE ALERT**

The town of Sykesville has been experiencing an increase in juvenile crime and is requesting the assistance of our citizens. These crimes include, but are not limited to, destruction of property, thefts from autos and disorderly behavior.

In many of these incidents, the activity is occurring between the hours of 12 Midnight and 6:00 am. The town has a curfew ordinance that prohibits our youth under 18 years of age from being on our streets during the summer months between 12 Midnight and 6:00 am. Anyone observing individuals in violation of this ordinance are encouraged to contact the Sykesville Police Department at (410) 386-3000, extension 0. Parents are also being asked to monitor their child or children's activities and know their whereabouts during these hours. Youths found to be in violation of this law will be detained and parents will need to respond and take custody.

The second offense for a youth will result in the parents being fined. Third and subsequent offenses will result in additional fines.

In several incidents these youths will knock on a door or ring a doorbell in an effort to wake the homeowner. These events are occurring between 12 Midnight and 3:00 am. Besides being annoying and disruptive to the peace of our community, we fear that the safety of these youths may be in jeopardy in that these pranks could be interpreted by an awakened homeowner as a threat to their family's safety.

Please join us in our efforts to identify these youths, hold their parents accountable and prevent a possible tragedy.

John R. Williams, Jr.

Chief of Police