

There have been no further reports of fires in the last week. The police believe that their presence has stopped the arsonist for the time being but they also report that neighbours have been out walking the streets every night as well. Thank you again for your vigilance.

A few residents have asked for suggestions to increase security in what is a poorly lit area. The Police Department recommends good lighting to deter crime -- especially outside lights with motion detectors. There is enough ambient light in a city that it isn't hard for someone to walk around without a flashlight. The RCMP have a program called Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design with many recommendations to reduce the opportunities for criminal activity.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/pubs/ccaps-spcca/safecomm-seccollect-eng.htm>

If you do see fire or a suspicious person, please call 911 immediately. If you prefer not to call the police directly, you can anonymously call **Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. Finally, please feel free to call or email me and I will pass on the information without identifying the source, if you so wish.

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FIREBUG AT WORK IN TEN MILE POINT AREA

The Saanich Police are investigating a rash of fires in Ten Mile point.

From November 8th to 29th, there have been 10 separate fires within a few blocks in the Ten Mile Point area. The fires have happened in the overnight hours from 10pm to 2am approximately.

The fires have thus far been confined to cases of mischief to fences, recycling boxes and garbage bins. One fire involved some wooden beams for a house that was under construction.

Saanich Police Patrol members, Detectives and Forensic investigators are currently involved in the investigation.

Vigilance is suggested for the residents of Ten Mile Point, Cadboro Bay and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

If anybody has any information on these fires they are encouraged to contact the Saanich Police Department or Crimestoppers.

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