



FAIR HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

35 Fisk Street

Fair Haven, New Jersey 07704

732-747-0991

732-747-7431 (fax)



Joseph P. McGovern
Chief of Police

Graduate FBINA 254

Robert Townshend
Captain of Police

April 15, 2022

Message from Police Chief McGovern:

Many Fair Haven residents are aware of the alarming number of car thefts in our area, which are occurring at all hours of the day and night. This is a statewide issue. I can assure you that the Fair Haven Police Department, Mayor and Council are working with County and State law enforcement agencies to attempt to combat this issue. Fortunately, no one has been injured during these crimes.

Message from Mayor Halpern:

First and foremost, the safety of our residents is paramount. Echoing the words of Chief McGovern, rest assured that we are doing everything we can to prevent crime within our Borough. While Fair Haven remains one of the safest towns in the County, we are not immune from crime. I am asking everyone to please lock your vehicles and homes, and remember not to leave key fobs or other valuables inside cars.

The New Jersey Attorney General set forth new guidelines as part of an updated vehicular pursuit policy which took effect in December 2021. If you are concerned about limits on law enforcement's ability to apprehend these offenders, I would encourage you to contact The Office of the Attorney General:

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

25 Market Street, Box 080

(609) 984-5828

Trenton, NJ 08625-0080

<https://www.njoag.gov/contact/office-of-constituent-services/>

Additionally, you are encouraged to contact your District 13 State Legislators. They are currently drafting their own letters to the Attorney General to address this issue.

Senator Declan O'Scanlon Jr. - senoscanlon@njleg.org

Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger - AsmScharfenberger@njleg.org

Assemblywoman Vicky Flynn - AswFlynn@njleg.org

Please report any suspicious activity directly to our police dispatch @ (732) 747-0991. With everyone's vigilance, we can help prevent additional thefts from occurring.