

CRIME ALERT PROCEDURES

The Chief of Police reviews reports daily. He will make a determination as to whether a Crime Alert Message will be sent to residents using the guideline below.

If the Chief is unavailable due to vacation etc. the police officer filing the report or the sergeant on duty will notify the Police Secretary that he believes that a crime alert should be sent. The Police Chief or Mayor will be contacted and advised of the crime and that an officer has requested that a Crime Alert Announcement be sent.

The new system ensures accurate, same-day crime alert messages from the police to each household and business. The new system enables the police to target a specific area that requires immediate notification.

The following criteria should be met:

- Burglary/Attempted Burglary
- Robbery/Armed Robbery (Commercial/Residential)
- Kidnapping/Attempted Kidnapping
- Rape/Sexual Assault
- Indecent Exposure
- Con-Artists
- Theft or Vandalism (where there is more than one incident or has the potential to spread).

Public Service Announcements will be considered with the approval of the Borough Manager or the Chief of Police. Public service announcements will be limited to borough sponsored functions and/or those functions that are directly affiliated with the borough. Because the borough does not wish to limit the effectiveness and importance of the use of the system for emergencies, public service announcements will rarely be approved.

Committees requesting Public Service Announcements should provide the information of the event in writing for review and/or approval. The Committee requesting the Announcement will be charged .04 cents for a 30 second message or .08 cents for a 60 second message - per call made.