Vacation Safety Tips

- 1. Stop the mail and newspaper or have a neighbor collect them for you daily.
- 2. If you have an alarm system on your home, make sure it is set properly. Also make sure someone has a key and access to turn off the alarm in case of an emergency while you are away.
- 3. Use a timer to turn lights on and off to give the impression that someone is home.
- 4. Turn on your answering machine so that the phone does not continuously ring. Do not leave a message on the machine that you are away on vacation.
- 5. While on the road drive defensively and watch out for other drivers.
- 6. Always have a map, flashlight, at least ½ tank of gas and a cellular phone if possible when traveling.
- 7. The Albemarle Police Department will check your house daily while you are on vacation. Call 704-984-9500 and ask about our "House Check" service.