



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Theft of Operating Nuts on Fire Hydrants Public's Help Requested



Several Northern Virginia jurisdictions have reported a recent surge in the theft of the operating nuts from fire hydrants. This is a brass top nut which the fire department uses to open and close the water flow valve on a fire hydrant.

Without this nut, the fire hydrant in a citizen's particular neighborhood may be rendered inoperable. The nuts are made of brass and are therefore saleable.

The Town of Vienna Police Department would like to make the general public aware of this new situation and ask that they be vigilant in watching for unusual activity at any fire hydrants. We would ask that citizens notify the Vienna Police by calling 9-1-1 and not take any action other than simple observation and note taking.

In the event a subject is observed trying to remove fire hydrant parts, a brief description of any vehicle used to leave the scene and any occupants would be a help to investigators and patrol officers.

**Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information at
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