



JANUARY'S CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

Warm-up Theft

Have you heard about warm-up thefts? You can bet the average car thief has.

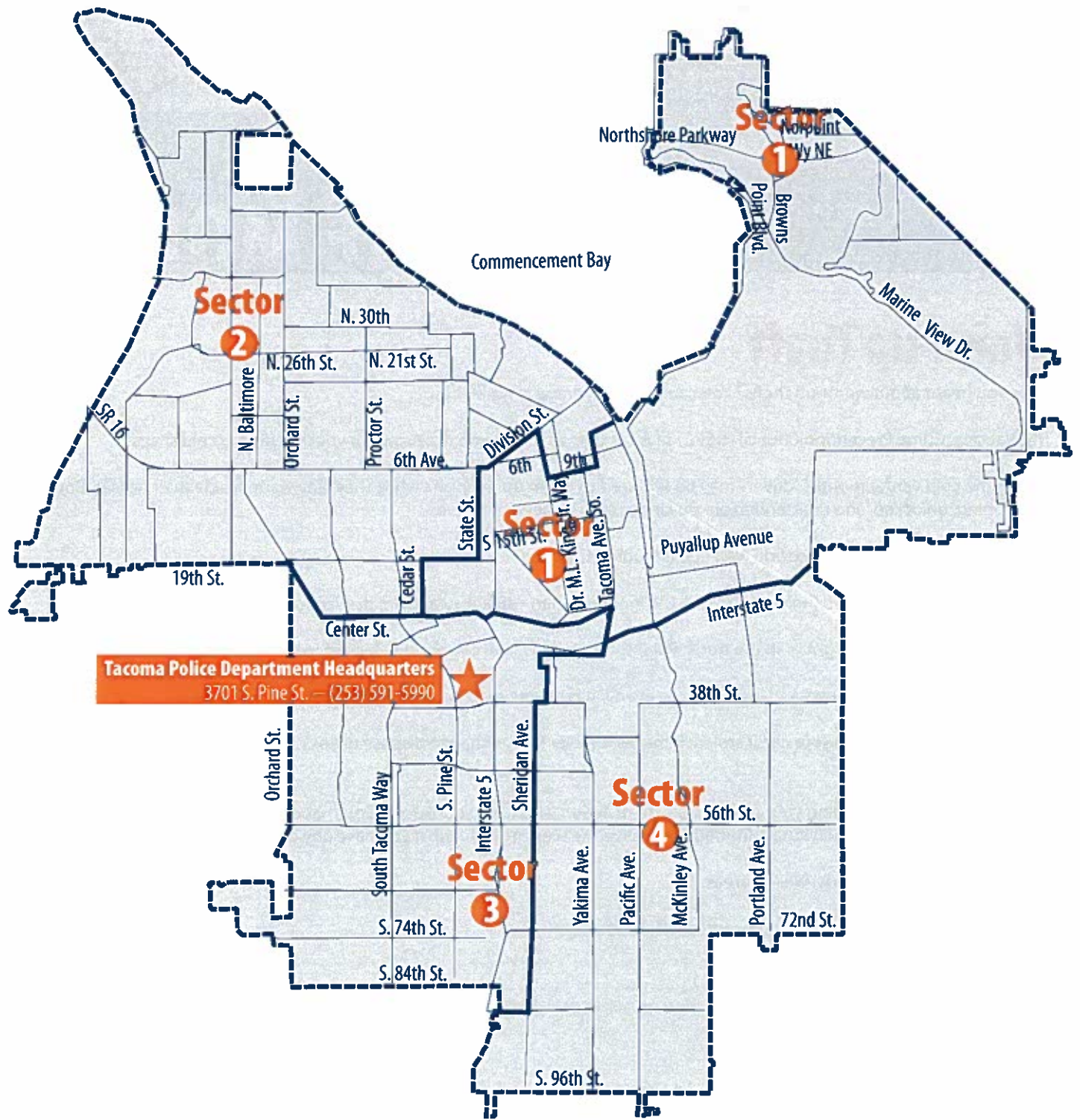
The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) says car thieves may be on the prowl for your car during cold snaps.

During the cold winter months, drivers may be tempted to warm up their cars while they stay warm inside their homes. But cars left running, unlocked, and unattended are quick and easy targets for thieves.

NCPC offers the following tips so you won't be left out in the cold:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you are away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Purses, credit cards, and cell phones in plain view attract thieves.
- Always roll up the windows and lock your car, even if it is in your driveway, garage, or in front of your home.
- Never leave your title in your car. If stolen, it makes it easier for the thief to dispose of your vehicle. It can also make you a target for identity theft.
- Be alert when approaching your car, have a plan of action, and have your keys in your hand. Check around, under, and in your vehicle for suspicious individuals. Immediately leave the scene to get help if you have any concerns for your safety.
- Only park your car in busy, well-lit areas.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or other anti-theft device, use it.





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