



renamed SMILE Community Safety Committee, Grant Huling. A summary of these tips follows:

1. Make your home look occupied while you are not in it
2. Secure ALL your doors and windows
3. Improve your exterior lighting
4. Be smart about handling Holiday deliveries
5. Don't discard delivered cartons in such a way as to display what had been in them
6. Use home security technology
7. Be careful with what you disclose about Holiday plans on social media
8. Prioritize fire safety; take precautions (water real cut Christmas trees daily!)
9. Build a "neighborhood network" so others near you are watching your home
10. Always lock your vehicle(s) and make sure no valuables are visible inside

Before leaving for Holiday travel:

1. Set the thermostat to keep your residence above freezing to protect the pipes
2. Turn off your incoming water main if you'll be gone for more than a few days
3. Unplug small appliances (some draw current even when they are turned off)
4. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your home

If problems arise at any time, be aware of the variety contacts you can use, depending upon just what help you need, or exactly what you want to report:

- For really low-urgency issues, call 3-1-1, or go online to: [www.pdxreporter.org](http://www.pdxreporter.org).
- "Portland Street Response" can be called to deal with social issues, a "well person check", etc. – call 9-1-1 or telephone 503/823-PSR3.
- To report "recurring problem spots" in the community, and to provide witness reports and footage, contact Central Precinct's "Neighborhood Response Team" (NRT) Officers: [laura.frear@police.portlandoregon.gov](mailto:laura.frear@police.portlandoregon.gov), and [joey.yoo@police.prtlandoregon.gov](mailto:joey.yoo@police.prtlandoregon.gov).

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, President Dugan announced that the voting was now open, in SMILE's Special Board Election, and he declared the December SMILE December Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.