



CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mike Evans



Community Action Team

Sheriff Mike Evans is asking citizens to be cautious of the potential for an increase this fall and winter in **THEFTS OF HEATING OIL**

The victims were not usually immediately aware of the thefts because the suspects stole just a few gallons of oil in order to minimize immediate detection. Detectives believed the suspects were operating large vehicles, probably trucks or flatbeds. They drove the vehicles to the tanks and siphoned the oil into barrels or another tank carried on the truck. The suspects likely sold the oil at a discount rate or used it themselves.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY:

Consider taking these steps to help prevent heating-oil thefts:

- Ensure your oil tank has a locking mechanism. Some thieves might manage to defeat the lock but others might be deterred by the inconvenience.
- Screen your tank with fencing or hedges.
- Conceal external pipe work.
- Install security lighting.
- Perhaps most importantly:

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING:
CALL THE CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.**

Your phone call could help us make an arrest or prevent a thief from victimizing a fellow citizen. Call 410-535-2800 or in an emergency, call 9-1-1.

If you have information about someone who might be involved in these thefts, call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS or visit our website to learn how to submit it online.

Community Safety through Community Strength!