



# CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## *Crime Prevention Alert*

### Bicycle Thefts on the Rise



The Cerritos College Campus Police Department has recently experienced an increase in bicycle thefts. Bicycle theft has become a tremendous problem on college campuses throughout the state, and Cerritos College is no exception. Between January 1, 2014 and October 13, 2014, there have been 30 reported bike thefts. Last year Campus Police reported a total of 22 Bicycle Thefts. We have found that in the vast majority of bicycle thefts, bicycles were improperly locked or locked with inadequate locking devices such as lightweight cable or chains or low quality U-lock devices. Campus Police would like to provide you with some bicycle theft prevention tips to help protect your bicycle from being stolen.

#### Bike Theft Prevention Tips

- Record your bicycle's serial number, make, model and color. Take a photo of you and your unlocked bike. Keep your receipt!
- Always lock your bike, even if you are just leaving it for a moment
- The U-locks have proven to be most effective, but all locks can be defeated. Use a high-end U-lock.
- Always lock through the frame and a wheel. Add a cable lock or second U-lock to lock the second wheel. If possible, remove the front wheel and secure both wheels and frame to bike rack.
- Always park your bike at a designated bike rack.
- Report suspicious persons, hanging around bicycle racks, to the Cerritos College Campus Police Department by calling (562) 924-3618.

