



## Equipment theft, facility break-ins - active investigation info solicited by Cherokee County PD

UAC members are reporting an alarming number of break-ins and thefts at their offices/shops and in the field the last few weeks, and authorities report an increase in theft in all metro counties. In the last 3 months, several UAC member companies and other non-member companies have been hit, sustaining staggering losses of equipment/vehicles.

The thieves are becoming bolder and in the last three weeks, Outdoor Expressions (Canton) had **two** break-ins at their office/shop.

**The Cherokee County PD investigator has some solid leads in this case, and is requesting that any companies who have active investigations ask the investigator assigned to their case to contact him directly - Investigator Beattie @770-928-0239.** He hopes to be able to link some of these incidents together, and your help is greatly appreciated.

The few days off we celebrate around Thanksgiving are also celebrated by thieves who know that this will likely be a long period of time your trucks, trailers and equipment will sit with nobody watching them. **[Click here for advice on protecting your business and your equipment.](#)**

### Ways to Reduce Your Chance of Equipment Theft

Equipment theft is a major problem for many businesses. The following are some ways to reduce your chance of equipment theft:

#### SECURE YOUR YARD

Make sure your yard is well lit and has a fence. If you have a gate, make sure it is locked. Consider installing a security system.

#### USE GPS TRACKING

Install GPS tracking on your equipment. This will allow you to track the location of your equipment at all times.

#### SECURE YOUR LARGE EQUIPMENT

Use heavy-duty chains and locks to secure your large equipment. Consider using a padlock.