

# An Garda Síochána Property Marking

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# A Brief Background

Property Marking by the use of Eircode was first piloted in the Mizen Peninsula Co. Cork in 2016 and in the Carrickmacross Garda District Co. Monaghan in June 2017

## Pilot Area 1 – Mizen Peninsula.

In 2014/2015 there were 11 reported thefts of out board motors to the value of €40,000.

In 2016 after property marking was introduced there was a dramatic decrease in Marine Theft with just one reported theft a petrol tank. In 2017 there was 1 reported theft of an outboard motor

## Pilot Area 2 – Carrickmacross Garda District

In June 2017 the Property Marking Pilot was launched by Minister Heather Humphries in Carrickmacross.

After the pilot programme was complete an analysis of property related crime was conducted with the following results.

Of the 150 related thefts during the pilot programme that occurred in the Cavan / Monaghan Garda Division 4% occurred in Co. Monaghan (the pilot area) versus 96% in Co. Cavan.

# Benefits of Property Marking

- Reduces the Fear of Crime
- Reduces level of Property Theft / Burglaries
- Strengthens partnerships between AGS and communities
- Property is harder to move on if property marked
- Makes it easier for AGS to identify stolen property
- Enables AGS to identify owner
- Enables AGS to return property to rightful owner
- Reduces amount of unidentified property in stores



## Benefits cont'

- Property marking events are social events
- Property Marking is free to Community Groups
- Groups can charge nominal fee to have property marked to help fund other crime prevention initiatives



# How Property Marking Works

- Equipment to mark property is made available to community groups by booking weekly slots through their local Community Development Officer in conjunction with the Joint Policing Committees
- Community Groups hold Property Marking events
- The item of property is stamped with the word 'EIRCODE' followed by the actual homeowners eircode
- The word 'EIRCODE' is used in the event property is recovered outside the jurisdiction
- Home owners are encouraged to maintain a Property Register, there is NO need for AGS to do so as, all we need is the Eircode
- There is no great roll out of training as representatives can be trained in a matter of minutes

# Points to Note

- To date 120,000 households have engaged in the property marking initiative – not one of these households has been the victim of a crime since
- In the Northern Region in 2018 we saw a 20% reduction in summer time burglaries based on 2017 figures
- Every JPC that has been briefed on Property Marking have endorsed the initiative
- To date the following JPC's have embraced property marking - Monaghan, Cavan, Sligo, Leitrim, Louth, Clare, Longford, Meath, Tipperary, Donegal, Kildare & Roscommon ,Galway, North Dublin, West Cork.
- Everything from an i-Phone up to farm machinery can be property marked



# Photographs







  
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Marking Device  
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