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Law Enforcement Tips For Video Meetings

Over the last couple of months, video conferencing is surging due to the coronavirus pandemic. Most recent, there have been reports that hackers are trying to disrupt those meetings. FBI has received multiple reports of conferences being disrupted by hate images and pornographic images known as "Zoom-Bombing." In order to help secure your privacy, the San Marino Police Department would like to provide tips for keeping your video meetings secure.

The San Marino Police Department suggests the following tips:

- Remember that anyone can join your meeting if the link is shared to social media.
- Use a random meeting ID instead of your personal meeting ID to host events.
- Enable the waiting room feature to decide who can enter the meeting.
- Lock the meeting after it starts so that no one else can join.
- After everyone joins the meeting, do a roll call to make sure only the people you invited are logged on.
- Only allow the host to have control of screen sharing.
- Disable file-sharing so people aren't flooded with content.

With more people working from home, they are deemed to be easier targets for hackers because a lot of people don't have the same security measures in place as their employers/schools do. Remember you have two types of hackers, the teenager-type of hacker for fun or you can the cyber-criminal that really wants to listen in. As an added measure treat your home internet connection as if it were your corporate or school connection. Log off when you're done, and change your internet and computer passwords regularly.

Feel free to contact the San Marino Police at (626) 300-0720 if you have any questions or concerns regarding video conference security.