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Mayor appoints new chief to lead East Providence Police Dept.

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI –The East Providence Police Dept. has announced the seizure of more than \$80,000 in suspected stolen tires and rims. The investigation is still ongoing as East Providence Detectives are coordinating the investigation with other departments across Southern New England. There are persons of interest, but no arrests have been made.

On March 31, 2019 at approximately 5 a.m., the East Providence Fire Dept. responded to 912 Broadway for a fire alarm. While on scene, fire service personnel noticed multiple building code violations and notified the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The East Providence Fire Marshal office, who responded and confirmed the violations and also notified the East Providence Building/Zoning office.

Once on scene, the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector ordered the building to be closed for safety and building violations. During their walkthrough of the property, they noticed a significant amount of tires and rims stored in two garage bays, so they notified the East Providence Police Dept.

Patrol officers responded to the scene and confirmed a significant amount of tires and rims were stored at the location, many which appeared to be brand new. Detectives were notified and they began their investigation.

East Providence detectives interviewed several people associated with the property. After doing so, detectives obtained a search warrant for the property. The search warrant was executed and more than 150 suspected stolen tires and rims were seized from the property, along with additional evidence.

For those people who have been the victims of tire and rims theft, we urge them to contact their local police department and not the East Providence Police Dept. East Providence Police will be coordinating with the other police departments.

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If you would like further information, please contact the East Providence Police Department at 401-435-7600.