

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol  
8-27-08

Present were Carroll Wolford, Chuck Pomatto, Randy Griffin, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Linda Befort, Art Befort, Martha Templeton, Art Nuebauer, Bill Marx, Margaret Conlin, Mike Conlin, Officer Spivey, and Sgt. Steve Osborne.

Officer Spivey reported that between July 23 and August 2 of this year there were no residential burglaries in our area. Three motor vehicle break ins were reported – one at the grocery store parking lot in the 10,000 block of Walnut Hill Lane, one whose car was unlocked, and one whose tailgate was removed from a truck in a residents driveway. Also clothing was taken from the store in the 10,000 block of Walnut Hill and packages were taken from the front porch of a home on Sherbrook during the night.

The 22% drop in non-violent crime is due to more patrols on the street and reinstating the mounted patrols.

National Night Out for Crime will be held the first Tuesday in October and mounted police will be making the rounds.

The Annual Crime Watch Awards Banquet will be held September 9 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum from 6 to 9 pm. Officer Spivey suggested we turn in names of those who have patrolled over 250 hours and/or 5 years for recognition. Chuck and Phil will work on that and turn the names into Officer Spivey.

The next VIP training will be October 11, Saturday starting at 8:30 am at the Northwest Highway station. Bill Marx will notify our recruits.

Joyce Tepley called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. Bill moved and the motion carried.

Linda reported the Crime Watch treasury balance is \$5,946.95 after paying Czarina Domingo \$243.75 for the website design and \$12.00 bank fee. Dues of \$70.00 were collected in August. The Extended Neighborhood Patrol balance now stands at \$30,231.65 or 220 members.

Martha, Carroll, and Bill suggested we sponsor an open house party for the firemen when they move into their new facility and/or give them a gift.

Mike reported that he changed the batteries in our police scanner and we are now getting the Carrollton police department.

Chuck reported that we had 10 patrols last month which was a record high.

Joyce reported that the new website continues to be renewed and asked for discussion on ways to drive traffic to it. She proposed reinstating the Alert Yard signs. Yard signs

were voted down in favor of creating a system of notifying homeowners through email alerts. Ross has not been able to find an email service that will allow sending out more than a few emails at a time. Chuck and Phil will research their email systems for policy and cost. Linda may be able to coordinate distribution of the homeowners email list with them to keep it updated.

Another suggestion was made to contact realtors who work our area letting them know about the website.

The Conlins and Bill Marx went to Mitch Razansky's town meeting last night. Bill invited the new Code Enforcement person in our area to speak at the next VIP meeting. Mr. Razansky announced that he will be retiring from the Dallas City Council next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley