

## **Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Monthly Meeting**

August 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Noyes at 7:00 pm.

Members present were Bob Noyes, Joyce Tepley, Linda Befort, Chuck Pomatto, Bill Marx, Randy Griffin, Ilda Manriquez, Bob Turney, and Mike and Margaret Conlin. Guests present were Ross Coulter, Gay Bower, and Officers Chris Jaquez and Dion Burnside (214-670-6470) who is replacing Officer Spivey.

Officer Jaquez reported an increase in violent crime and residential burglaries in our area last month compared to the same month last year. We had a total of 9 incidences July of 2009 compared to 3 in 2008.

Under the violent crime category an aggravated assault was reported. It was an argument about money and was resolved.

Under the non-violent crime category 5 houses (Meadowdale, Cox Ln., Royal Ln., Rosser Cr., and Crestover) were broken into. Entry was through unlocked gates and alleys doors or windows. At one of the 5 houses property was stolen by someone the homeowner knew, so there was no break in.

One car was broken into and another car had its license removed.

Equipment was taken from the Episcopal School construction site.

There have also been reports of cats being mutilated in the Sparkman and Chapel Downs neighborhoods that have been under investigation all summer. No one has been seen or caught in the act.

In driving our neighborhood for our Extended Neighborhood Patrol Officer Jaquez made the following suggestions for us to consider:

1. Increase the number of Crime Watch signs around the neighborhood
2. Increase night time lighting around houses or motion sensor lighting
3. Consider landscaping that will not allow a burglar to hide behind while gaining entry
4. Take ones car keys to bed so if hear a noise push the car horn button
5. Install an alarm system or upgrade that includes the garage and a speaker outside
6. Consider a motion sensor camera
7. Put crime watch stickers on houses and cars

Linda Befort gave the treasury report. We paid our web technician, Czarina Domingo \$68.75 and Joyce Tepley \$29.97 refund for website hosting payment on her Master Card. The current balance after collecting \$155.00 in dues last month is \$6,232.86.

The ENP program has 346 paid subscriptions or 34% of all households. We may be able to increase the number of hours patrolled. Ross will talk with Officer Jaquez about that.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Phil Hughes reported a slight increase in the website traffic.

Chuck reported 12 patrol which was an increase for July. The following people are to be thanked for their effort and dedication: Paul and Ginny Figel, Bob Turney, Bob Noyes, the Conlins, Randy Griffin, Bill Marx, Chuck Pomatto, Matt Chapuis, Joyce Tepley, and Phil Hughes.

Ross reported that about 5 parties are planned in our neighborhood for National Night Out, Oct. 6.

He also said that Gatti's Pizza is putting in a restaurant near Sprouts at Marsh and Forest Shopping Center. Also the Life Church property at the corner of Royal and Midway has been bought by a Presbyterian Church and the building will be torn down.

Bill Marx said the police department plans a VIP training in November. He also asked Ross to go with him to the stores in our neighborhood to induce them to join the ENP.

The annual police department volunteer Banquet and Recognition dinner will be held at the Flight Museum September 16.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley