

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes March 31, 2010

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Bob Noyes.

Present were Bob Noyes, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Chuck Pomatto, Paul Figel, Bill Marx, Martha Templeton, Jean Ryan, Randy Griffin, Mike Conlin, Ilda Manriquez, Gay Boyer, Maryann and Joe Mathews, and newest member Cheryl Templeton. Guest was Officer Burnside.

Officer Burnside reported on the crime statistics for our area. He said it was the best we have had. There were only two car break-ins and both of them were on commercial properties. One was a church parking lot at the 10,000 block of Betty Jane on February 20. The car window was broken and property taken. The other was on the 10,000 block of Midway on February 24. Property was taken from an unlocked car.

Officer Burnside also gave us a comparison of our whole division with the other police divisions. Our Northwest Division was down -19% overall in crime this month versus the same month last year. We led in the 7 divisions. Southwest Division was down -18%, North Central down -10%, Central down -8%, Northeast down -2%, South Central up 1%, and Southeast up 14%.

Two reasons attributed to the overall reduction in crime across all 7 divisions are: (1) Knock and Talk Teams. Police go out in teams, knock on doors of people identified as suspicious, say to the resident that police have had a complaint, and ask to go inside residence to check. The resident will usually offer no resistance and many arrests have been made this way after police find evidence in residence. (2) Deployment Squads. Police follow suspicious people. Arrests have been made this way or perpetrators curtail their activities when realize they are being watched.

Bob Noyes reported that he was warned about a highway scam. A baby carrier is placed on the side of the road. A person stops to investigate thinking a baby has been abandoned. A gang jumps out and robs the person.

Another warning involved a woman who was robbed in a parking lot when she noticed her tire was flat. A man offered to help her and he robbed her.

Linda Befort was absent but Bob reported the Crime Watch treasury as of February 23, 2010 has a balance of \$5609.30 after \$9.99 expense.

Joyce Tepley reported on the minutes posted on the website from last month. Minutes approved.

Phil Hughes reported a steady uptrend of hits to the website. He, Linda, and Art Befort have designed a shopping cart page to the website to collect dues. It will be tested this

coming week and a letter will be sent to all homeowners soliciting ENP, Homeowner, and Crime Watch dues.

Paul Figel said all the VIP equipment is working. He also reported that he visited Art Neubauer last week. Art has cancer and completed a round of treatment. He is doing as well as to be expected and would welcome visitors. A card was passed around for all to sign and will be sent to Art.

Chuck thanked the following patrollers for their help last month: Martha Templeton, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Jean Ryan, Mary Anne and Joe Mathews, Linda and Art Befort, Bob and Monica Noyes, Ilda Manriquez, Patrice Newman, Paul Figel, Mike and Margaret Conlin. We had a record number of patrols for the month of February.

Bill Marx reported that Ross Coulter sold his house and bought another home near Jesuit High School. So far, no one has stepped up to replace him as Walnut Hill Homeowners President.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley