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Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not reflect any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can better improve this effort are welcome. Thank you, the Editor.

1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted http://www.bellcountytx.com/cscd/cscdwanted.htm

This week there are three fugitives from Killeen: 5'11" Wendal Thornton, 24 y/o, 178 lb, Black Male w/brown eyes and black hair is wanted for aggravated robbery; 20 y/o Joshua Feldkeller, is a 6'1'', 163 lb, black male with brown eyes and brown hair is wanted for burglary of a habitation; 23 y/o, 6'1" 175 lb, white male Jody Phillips has blue eyes and red hair and is wanted for engaging in criminal activities; Chantel Wood is a 29 y/o, 5'5", 140 lb black female with brown hair and eyes last living in Harker Heights is wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Joel Morales, 5'9", 150 lb, white male is 20 y/o, has brown eyes and black hair from Belton, is wanted for burglary of a habitation; The last suspect at large is a 23 y/o, 5'7", 150 lb brown eyed, black haired male, Jody Phillips, LKA- Temple, is wanted for burglary of a habitation.

If you have any information regarding these individuals, please call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 254-933-5400, your local law enforcement, or **CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-800-729-TIPS** (Local 526-TIPS). **ALL CALLS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.**

2. Crime Update -

Temple - Police have arrested a man in connection to a weekend shooting that left one man in the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Also, Temple Police have arrested a second person in connection with a shooting last July. Killeen - A man trying to steal a TV from a Killeen apartment was caught red-handed when the resident returned home.

Killeen - A Killeen woman is charged with burglary after several items stolen were traced though area pawn shops. A New York man wanted for attempted murder has been arrested in Killeen.

3. Are You Still Prepared? -

If you've been watching the news (that's silly, I know you've been watching the news) you'll recall that on September 9th three states and Mexico were left for the better part of the day without any power.

Arizona Public Service Co. said that the problems began at about 3:30 p.m. Thursday when a 115-mile high-power line that runs from west of Phoenix to the Yuma area switched out of service.

APS had an employee working in the Yuma-area substation where the line connects, but officials are unsure if that worker caused the line's failure, said Daniel Froetscher, APS vice president of energy delivery.

The setting set my prelude for my commentary today. When your power goes out it could be, days, or longer because, like in the situation with APS, the "experts" are still puzzled by what caused the black-outs. Read more: <u>http://www.azcentral.com/business/articles/2011/09/</u>09/20110909regulators-probe-widespread-arizonacalifornia-blackout.html#ixzz1YWinqu00</u>

Is your family prepared for a cyberattack? You wake up late one morning because your alarm didn't go off. Puzzled by the lack of electricity, you reach for your phone to call the power company. You don't even get a dial tone. Your cellphone can't connect either, despite four full bars and a charged battery. You try to go online with your laptop. No dice. It dawns on you that something is really wrong. If this scenario sounds like the beginning of a Hollywood disaster movie, it isn't that far off. This is just one way a cyberattack against our country could play out. A cyberattack is a politically motivated attack on computers that control critical infrastructures. It can also affect government and financial websites.

Cyberattacks can take many forms. It could be a physical attack on computer systems. It could involve a virus designed to take down networks. Or it could be sabotage, the work of a company insider. In truth, we don't know what a cyberattack would look like. It could have limited or widespread effects. It depends what systems are targeted and how the attack spreads. But one thing is clear: You can't count on anything that relies on modern technology in a cyberattack.

Sadly, the United States is ill-prepared for the threat. Security experts believe that viruses are already hiding on computers controlling the power grid. And recent



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attacks by hacker group LulzSec show how vulnerable we are. It has attacked the CIA, the U.S. Senate, broadcasters and businesses. You need a family plan to guide you through an attack. It's unclear how long the effects would last. In localized emergencies, workers from other areas help to restore services quickly. A cyberattack could affect wide swaths of the country; outside help may not be a possibility. So, plan for 30 days.

Keep a supply of water and canned food on hand, along with a first aid kit. Knowing exactly what other survival tools to include can be difficult. Fortunately, <u>the</u> <u>government has a site to help you plan your disaster kit</u>.

Your emergency kit should contain cash. After all, debit and credit cards may not work. Keep important documents within easy reach, too. You may not be able to get to documents stored on your computer. Store physical copies with your disaster kit. I recommend keeping them in a safe.

Being separated from your family is worrying, particularly in emergencies. So, your family needs to determine a gathering point. You can use Facebook or Twitter to check in. However, they could be down or overloaded.

You can't count on cellphones working. However, in localized disasters, it is often easier to call outside the area. So, designate an out-of-town relative as a contact person. You'll also want to have a set of two-way radios, along with batteries. They'll work in any situation. Be sure to choose a channel to use in advance. Choose a second one in case the first is in use. <u>An AM/FM radio is essential for any emergency kit.</u> Make sure it is capable of receiving NOAA weather alerts. Choose one that can be powered by hand crank or solar power. Some can even charge other gadgets, like cellphones. Remember that even when cellular networks are down, texting may still work. Free smartphone apps may also help in a disaster. <u>Emergency</u> <u>Distress Beacon for the iPhone sends your GPS</u> <u>coordinates via text message or email. Send My Position</u> <u>is a similar app for Android phones</u>. They can help you locate family members.

If you have young children, be sure to write instructions down for them. This can help if they're at school when disaster strikes. For kids old enough to have a cell phone, make a note with the instructions and store it on their phone as a file or picture. Don't count on them remembering where to meet or what to do.Do I think a cyberattack is possible? Absolutely. That's why it's best to prepare now. *Kim Komando – 9/16/11* (*Kimkomando.com*)

4. On The Horizon –

It's official! The National Night Out event is scheduled for October 4th this year. Glenda (Northam) Presley has really gone to great lengths planning and coordinating to make the event special. The band "Wild Horses" will be performing and there will be BBQ for our WPOA members and residents.

Things will get-going between 6 and 6:30 PM and finish-up around 8PM so please come on out, meet some Bell County Deputy Sheriffs and our Central Bell County VFD and Chief.

Take some time to pick-up your very own copy of the Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Training CD (until I run out) and take home some ideas for setting-up your own Emergency Home Disaster Survival Kit from the display and CD presentation.

If you have an interest in promoting anti-crime education for our community discuss your ideas with Glenda. She'll appreciate the assistance.

P.S. **Congratulations** to Glenda and Dave on their recent nuptials. We're all very happy for you and wish you all the best. – the Staff.