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## Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

### Holiday Issue: Happy New Year!

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.

The first issue of the WPOA NW Newsletter for 2012 will be the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of its publication. What more appropriate than to wish you all the best in the years ahead for you and your loved ones.

#### **1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted** <http://www.bellcountytexas.com/cscd/cscdwanted.htm>

Four of our most recent outlaws this week hail from Temple: Three of these are wanted on suspicion of burglary of a habitation: 25 y/o, 5'-9" Charles Glass is a 190 lb w/m with blue eyes and black hair. 5'-11", 160 lb Jason Garcia is a 23 y/o, w/m with brown eyes and black hair and 20 y/o Javarrell Howard who is a b/m with brown eyes and black hair, is 5'-10" and 150 lbs.

Dawann McEntire is a 19 y/o brown eyed, black hair, B/F, also from Temple, is 5'-2", 109 lb and is wanted for robbery. Another suspect wanted for robbery, Kirby Hill, is 19, stands 5'-10" is a 190 lbs b/m from Harker Heights has brown eyes and black hair. The other person wanted for robbery is from Copperas Cove; 23 y/o, 155 lbs, 5'-10" w/m, brown eyed, brown hair, Joel Slovinski.

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 -**

**Belton** - Illegal immigrant accused of sexually assaulting young child multiple times.

**Temple** - Police are looking for a man who reportedly robbed a Bush's Chicken this morning, then locked the employees in the freezer. Nineteen-year-old Robert Davlin has been identified as the man caught stealing items from a vehicle on Wednesday.

**Killeen** - Soldier reportedly stalks and threatens to kill woman and her parents.

**Copperas Cove** - Man accused of holding his wife and child against their will after a Protective Order was filed against him. (Source: *kxxv.com*)

#### **3. New Year Resolutions: Make Crime Prevention a Priority -**

How many New Year resolutions have you vowed to abide only to be overcome by life's events and fall back into your old habits?

I want you to make a New Year's resolution with no outrageous promises or unreasonable objectives and probably the least selfish

resolution you'll ever make. Repeat after me: "I promise to make crime prevention a priority in my day-to-day life".

Now, was that so tough? If you're reading this newsletter you've already begun to make good on your resolution.

But, if where to start and how to proceed making crime prevention a "priority" to the detriment of all the other seems paradoxical, don't worry; you'll not have to forsake all else and others toward improving your observation habits, conscientious acts to deter and disincentivize crime, and education.

You can start with the easiest - education and the rest will just naturally follow. We'll begin in this issue with Unit A (Introduction) and follow with the next few editions of the newsletter with summaries of the fundamentals of Neighborhood Watch sequentially as they're presented by the instructional CD's.

The full course of instruction can also be accessed at:  
<http://woodlakeneighborhoodwatch.com>

The basic tenets of an effective neighborhood watch program are: **Basic Crime Prevention** - Eliminate opportunities for criminal activities; Encourage maximum participation; Protect, honor the rights of others.

**Disaster Preparedness** - Learn skills to survive natural and man-made disasters; Get involved with local authorities on disaster preparation and encourage others to participate.

**Build a Stronger Community** - Develop watch groups, get to know your neighbors and participate in activities to promote stronger bonds.

Neighborhood Watch is designed as extended "eyes" and "ears" of law enforcement and a rapid means for timely and accurate reporting of a crime. Except under situations of "life or death" never intervene in apprehending a suspect. Neighborhood Watch IS NOT: a vigilante group, auxiliary police force, or a citizen's patrol group.

The benefits of Neighborhood Watch dovetail with the advantages of a well developed program - Involvement, increased awareness, and participation in Operation Identification (OI) all contribute to reducing crime, enhancing quality of life, cohesiveness, and a sense of pride and security.

Effective Neighborhood Watch Programs and Crime Prevention do require some effort to get the training on the part of every citizen: How to "Crime Proof" your home and Operation Identification (OI), recognition of suspicious activity and individuals, and what action to take as a witness to a crime. Neighborhood Watch is a community, not a police project thus we'll only get out of what we put into it.

State and local Law Enforcement and National level involvement - Police officers and Sheriff's Deputies conduct outreach programs to promote crime prevention, vacation watch, and home security surveys. The National level partners produce and distribute literature that help to create and promote Neighborhood Watch and anti-terrorism programs. After all, terrorism is crime.

The basic building-block principles of establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program begin with establishing a liaison



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with the local law enforcement representative. Together with Neighborhood Watch Coordinators and input from the Liaison the newly formed group should: identify and prioritize issues, implement crime prevention strategies, resources, goals, objectives and milestones, and finally, develop a plan of action and a means to assess effectiveness.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators recruit as many members as possible and identify Block Captains, develop training plans and maintain contact with Law Enforcement Liaison for improvements and updated information.

Block Captains are the "cadre" that set the pace and the tone for the maturation of a healthy Neighborhood Watch Program by maintaining liaison between Coordinators and residents, develop and maintain "telephone chains", inviting and training new members, frequent contact between member to discuss crime prevention measures, assistance, and improvements to the program.

Members contribute by watching-out for each other. The level of crime in a community dictates the level of interest but often residents need to be motivated. Actively participating in reporting suspicious activities and crime prevention are the ultimate objectives that make an effective Neighborhood Watch Program.

#### 4. On The Horizon -

For the next issue, we'll continue our discussion on Neighborhood Watch training; Observation and Reporting.

Less the traditionally styled "blocks" that would otherwise define the boundaries to assign responsibilities, more appropriately managers will be identified to represent "cells" comprised of 5-6 households. Cell managers will have very passive responsibilities with focus on information, communication, assistance, and problem identification. My goal is for managers to become more involved through the use of "Comm Cards" that identifies them to no more than 5 to 6 of their closest neighbors.

The proposed agenda for advanced Neighborhood Watch Leadership training and cell managers - training the trainers remains as follows:

- Purpose, objectives, and functions of NWP.
- Sources materials and references.
- Interaction - surveys, interviews, and feedback.
- Problem identification and resolution.
- Threat response and reaction.
- Techniques of observation and reporting.

Prerequisite for participation in the Advanced Neighborhood Watch Leadership Training is to have completed all 5 instructional units of the Woodlake NWP CD. Please let me know if hadn't received your copy.

Our Neighborhood Watch Deputy Sheriff representative, Sgt. De La Rosa, will be invited to present methods for improving your home defenses at our annual general membership meeting (usually late March). I hope to see you all there.