

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

WHY ALL THE FUSS ABOUT ZEBRA MUSSELS?

Zebra mussels are a small, destructive invasive species that can spread across Texas by hitching a ride on boats and trailers. They grow to only about 1½" and develop a distinctive zebra-striped shell. One zebra mussel can produce up to one million microscopic larvae. Zebra mussels can cause tremendous environmental and economic damage - hurting aquatic life, damaging your boat, hindering water recreation and even threatening your water supply.

Zebra mussels are currently in the following lakes: Texoma, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Bridgeport, Lavon, Waco and Belton, and several other lakes. Zebra mussel larvae are invisible to the naked eye. They can survive for days in water trapped in a boat. The only way to be sure you're not carrying zebra mussels to another body of water is to always clean, drain and dry your boat, trailer and gear.

**BELL COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE:
WANTED AS OF JULY 31st, 2015 -**
[http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult_probation/most_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_probation/most_wanted.php) , and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com/>



This 34 y/o once Temple resident, James E. Raines, Jr., is Wanted For: Injury to a Child.

Raines is 5'11" tall, weighs 187 lbs., has Brown Eyes and Brown Hair.

FROM AUSTIN: The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Reward of Up To \$7,500 is offered For: Michael Thomas Osborn. RACE: W, SEX: M, DOB: 11/17/68, Ht: 6'0", Wt: 240 lbs. AKA: Mike Osborn, SMT: Tattoos on left forearm and left ankle. Scars on left leg and above left eye. WANTED FOR: Indecency with a Child (2 counts), CCH: Possession of Child Pornography (2 counts), Aggravated Assault By/Against Public Servant, Unlawful Carrying Weapon, Theft, Failure to Appear LKA: 1810 Karankawas Court, Deer Park, TX. Caution: Subject should be considered ARMED and DANGEROUS!



DETAILS:

- Convicted sex offender - Required to Register every three months for life.
- Ties to the Houston area, particularly the Deer Park area where he was last known to reside. He also has ties to Louisiana and Florida.
- In 2000, convicted in Montgomery County of Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. Later that same year, he was convicted in Brazoria County for two counts of Possession with Intent to Promote Child Pornography.

- Was sentenced to seven years in TDCJ prison.
- Prior work history as an engineer

On June 2, 2015, Osborn cut off the ankle monitor that he was required to wear after recently bonding out of jail on two charges of Indecency with a Child. He was last known to be traveling in a black 2007 Ford Expedition displaying Texas license plates.

On June 3, 2015, the 263rd District Court of Harris County, Texas, issued two warrants for Osborn's arrest for Bond Forfeiture (Original Offenses: Indecency with a Child).

PROSTITUTION IN BELL COUNTY: HOW SERIOUS IS THE "VICTIMLESS CRIME"?

Sex And Solicitation: Local Woman Funds Drug Addiction Through Prostitution

Forty-year-old D.D. stood in the doorway of a local hotel room. A "sex-worker" since age 14, and with her escort service near Fort Hood, she has been able to afford her \$300 to \$700 a day drug addiction that she's struggled with for 20 years.

Even after taking a hit from the crack pipe in the bathroom of the seedy hotel, she expressed regret for an addiction that drives much of her everyday quest for money and peddling the only thing she knows how to sell - sex.

D.D. often makes more than \$1,000 per day, sometimes making up to \$3,000 per day. If the money wasn't so good, she might have left her life as a sex worker behind. But, she has no skills or education; forever a prostitute, she's never even filed an income tax return.

At a very young age, she witnessed her mother shoot herself in the head, precipitating her downward spiral. Abandoned by her father and grandmother, like hundreds of other desperate girls, she used sex to survive. She

became pregnant with her only child, a son, when she was 22.

D.D. said although her job is dangerous and illegal, soldiers, many with fetishes that allow her to charge more, are her best customers. She said she also makes money selling soldiers clean urine so they can pass military drug tests and continue to use drugs; drugs she often sells to them.

D.D. isn't alone in her plight because a girl entering the sex trade at a young age isn't unusual. Adults force many teen and preteens into prostitution, which often starts with seemingly innocent online flirtations.

In Killeen, 99 persons were charged with some form of prostitution in the past five years. Sixty-four cases were for a first offense of engaging in prostitution. Of those, 22 cases were for a second offense of engaging in prostitution; 5 charges were filed for promotion of prostitution and 4 faced charges for solicitation of prostitution.

The area's biggest prostitution bust in recent years was at Fort Hood. After pleading guilty to 15 of the 21 counts, including multiple counts of pandering, conspiracy to solicit prostitution and maltreatment of a subordinate, a former sexual assault prevention NCO was sentenced to two years in prison for attempting to organize a prostitution ring using low-ranking female soldiers, and for assaulting one of the female soldiers he tried to recruit as a prostitute.

The Internet has been identified as the No. 1 platform that pimps, traffickers and johns currently use for buying and selling women and children for sex in the U. S. Police frequently patrol areas known for prostitution and often know the offenders, which is why many sex-workers and a growing number of cases involve online solicitation. Victims trafficked through pimp-controlled sex trafficking, escort services, in-call and out-call services, chat rooms, pornography and brothels disguised as massage businesses are commonly marketed on websites.

The growing police presence online forced another local prostitute to change the way she does business. "Becky", a locally known Killeen prostitute and a former drug addict, has changed her business model to rely more on her phone and a smaller number of clients.

"The reason I don't do things like 'Backpage' or walking the streets anymore isn't because the money's not out there. It's because of the police," she said, "They know who I am; I have never been a secret to them."

Kids getting on social media may be unaware they could be talking to predators.

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Parents and caregivers are the first line of defense in protecting children from solicitation and prostitution. The best advice is to know whom their kids are talking to. Get their passwords to their Facebook, Twitter accounts, Skype, or whatever else they let their kids get on. It could save their lives.

BELL COUNTY BURN BAN – IN EFFECT!

August 3, 2015 (Bell County, Texas)

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the County until **10:00 a.m., August 31, 2015**, beginning at **Sunrise, Tuesday, August 4, 2015**, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Commissioners Court that the circumstances creating a public safety hazard no longer exist. Pursuant to Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, the County Judge is authorized to administratively rescind this Order, permanently or temporarily, upon a determination the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code § 352.081 and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (formerly the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission) for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code § 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

“Twisters, Flood, Draught and Wildfire” in no particular order, are the Texans’ tongue-in-cheek reference to the seasons.

Bell County may not officially be a declared draught zone, but according to the A & M Forestry Department, everything in the Corps of Engineer property has been designated “High Risk” for Wildfire.

CERT – THE NEXT PHASE IN THE MATURATION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH EFFORTS

The Bell County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) disaster plan is attached and is the authority for assigning community shelter location (i.e. First Baptist Church of Belton and the EXPO Center).

Augmentations to the county’s efforts are the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Programs**. CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nationwide initiative to help get local communities more involved with disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

CERT educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Without adequate training and knowledge of community resources, organizing a post-disaster response team can be a daunting, if not an impossible challenge. Working with community leaders and communicating to residence to identify resources, special needs and capabilities is a process that can only be accomplished by willing participants. Your experience, coupled

with some basic instructional materials will go a long way toward development of a viable program.

Because each circumstance is different, identifying the hazard, assigning risk and mitigating factors are principal in program development. Some of the responsibility of CERT is: assisting with evacuation or shelter, assisting with special needs persons/families, check for injuries, implement first aid and call for help, light search and rescue, dissemination of severe weather, extreme draught, wildfire advisories, provide post-disaster financial or material support as required and campaign for local or federal financial support to recover.

The following questions need to be asked for communities to develop their own emergency plans:

- What hazards are most likely?
- How will I get alerts and warnings?
- What is the advice and plans for sheltering and evacuation for the hazards that may impact the community?
- Are there emergency contact numbers I should have for different situations?
- Are there opportunities for preparedness education and training?
- Does my community have a plan?
- Can I obtain a copy?
- What does the plan contain?
- How often are plans updated?
- What should I know about this plan?
- What hazards does it cover?

In addition to finding out about your community’s plan, it is important that you know what plans are in place for your workplace, your children’s school or day care center and any places you frequent like entertainment and sporting events, recreation areas, shopping centers and places of worship.

Ask your employer about workplace policies regarding disasters and emergencies, including understanding how you will be provided emergency and warning information, evacuation and shelter plans; contact your children’s school or day care center to discuss their disaster procedures.

Many of the hazards have been identified and catalogued by the level of risk and how to mitigate some of the risk. Each one will require a certain level of education for CERT to be effective.

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