

Stacy Ridge Crime Watch Meeting Minutes April 2007

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This week several members of the Stacy Ridge Safety Committee met with the City of Allen Police Department.

We met along with Country Brook Estates Safety team members to combine our crime watch and other community safety efforts.

Sergeant Felty provided us with information to reduce crime (or potential crime) in our neighborhoods.

Please review the following points of interest to help reduce criminal activity.

1. Theft- 80% of burglaries are thru the garage. Please keep garage doors closed when you are not right there. This will reduce the lure for criminals.
2. Theft from cars has increased in Allen. Try to park your vehicles in the garage. If that is not possible, take ALL removable items out of the car and keep it locked.
3. Day time thefts are actually more common, criminals anticipate that people are not home so there won't be confrontation.
Be extra aware during this time and report suspicious activity. If you see an unfamiliar car in the area-- use the directory to call neighbors to determine who they are.
4. Watch out for Solicitors who claim to let you purchase items for donation. Unless you have verified the source, it is very likely to be a scam especially if they say that "your neighbor just made a donation". Don't give anyone money or checks unless you have verified the validity. (Suggested that "No Solicitation" signs are somewhat effective)
5. Mail theft and Identity theft is also on the rise. If you have to mail check payments take them directly to a post office. Try to pick up new checks from your bank or be aware when they should be coming in and check mail promptly.

Also mentioned are the 2 biggest deterrent for Criminals. . .

1. Barking Dogs
2. Nosey Neighbors (Being noticed in the area- Crime Watch)

REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE CITY OF ALLEN 214-509-4321 or 911

Finally, the McGruff Safe House list from the HOA board meeting was lost in the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a McGruff Safe House or have any questions about this program please contact Tania Rippy.

Meeting Attendees Were: Tania Rippy, Mary Brown, Judy Henley and Tom Melton (Board Liaison for Safety) and several Country Brook Safety Members

Date : Tuesday April 10th

Please contact any safety member if you have questions about this meeting or general safety concerns.

Thank You,
Tania Rippy