

# BAYSHORE COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING MINUTES

## **Meeting 1 – Setting up the community watch**

*April 7, 2011*

### **In attendance**

Communities watch captains: CB Johnson and Jim Murphy  
Approximately 75 community members

### **Guest Speakers**

Sergeant Curtis Barnhill from the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department  
Deputy Gina Turner from the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department and Bayshore Resident  
Ms. Pam Latter from Plantation Landing

The meeting was run by CB Johnson and Jim Murphy who are currently the Community Watch Captains. Sergeant Curtis Barnhill from the NHC Sherriff's Community Service Office presented some background information on why a community watch is so important. Deputy Gina Turner also joined Sergeant Barnhill. Ms. Pam Latter from Plantation Landing shared her experience in starting a watch in her community.

### **Notes**

- Neighborhood watches bring cops into your neighborhood, no matter how insignificant you may think the incident is, call 911, it puts a car/officer in your neighborhood.
- If you are uncomfortable calling 911, call 452-6120 to report any suspicious activity.
- Lock up everything – vehicles, make sure garage door is down, home windows, doors, etc.
- 90% of car break-ins involved a car that was not locked. Why break the glass and call attention to yourself when you can just check for open doors?
- Don't leave anything of value in plain sight (in car or home) – GPS, loose change, CD player, sunglasses, big screen TV, etc.
- Always file a report when your car gets broken into. Things DO get recovered and if there is no report you don't have the opportunity to recover your belongings.
- Be mindful of schools being out (Spring break, summer, etc). If juveniles are acting suspicious (especially after 9 p.m.) go ahead and call.
- Sgt. Barnhill will bring a CAB report every meeting which is a list of all calls made in our neighborhood in the last 30 days. He will not give specific addresses or list domestic disturbances but he will brief us on trends in our area.
- Know your neighbors! Get in touch with them so we can all look out for each other.
- Do not approach anyone who you are suspicious of! Just call, do not investigate yourself!
- Statistics show that alarm systems are a deterrent for thieves.
- Currently there is not a fee for a false alarm call. However, the concept of imposing a fee is presently being discussed so this may change.
- When neighbors are out of the house or out of town watch out for each other. When going away for a long period of time (i.e. vacation) you can call the sheriff's office and set up a residential check. An officer will come by your house every shift, walk around your house, and check the doors and windows. The phone number for this service is 798-4161 (sheriff's office front desk).

- Sgt. Barnhill will bring us 2 community watch signs at the next meeting. It is our responsibility to put these up. If we would like more we are responsible for purchasing them. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Jim Murphy and CB Johnson split Bayshore up into areas with the help of Sgt. Barnhill. Each area requires a certain number of area captains. Sign-up for area captains was conducted. The following chart illustrates the breakdown of areas, the number of people that volunteered to be an area captain, and the number of households from each area that were in attendance.

Area	Confirmed Area Captains	Households in Attendance
Lost Tree/Mallow/Windsong	2	9
Goldeneye	1	1
Bayshore Dr.	4	12
Shorepoint	0	0
Biscayne/Scenic	1	6
Vale/Trace/Schoals	1	1
Highgreen/Vale/Upland/Scorpion/Aquarius	3	23

#### Further Action

- Discuss the possibility of purchasing more signs and how these will be funded.
- Distributing a community watch directory.
- Recruiting more residents for the community watch.

#### Announcements

#### Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation (at the main entrance of Bayshore Estates)