

Neighborhood Watch Crime Bulletin #82 To All Our Neighborhood Watch Personnel:



Our Latest and Greatest Crime Bulletin

It has been a couple of months since our last Crime Bulletin, and as you can imagine, the COVID-19 Pandemic has been our constant companion. Your police department has been on-duty the entire time, working 24 hours a day to keep you safe. The effects of this Pandemic, from a public safety point of view have been as follows:

- **Traffic Enforcement is Dramatically Down:**

Apart from the concerns of virus exposure on the part of officers, the volume of traffic on the road has been significantly reduced. Most residents are staying in their homes, except for basic necessities. I have never seen these few vehicles on our public roadways,

- **Domestic Disputes are Up:**

With residents confined to their homes for extended periods of time, we have seen an increase in domestic disputes, and family matters.

- **Property Crime is Down:**

With most residences occupied nearly 24 hours per day, the likelihood of burglaries and malicious destruction has decreased significantly. This one of the few benefits of this pandemic, from a law enforcement perspective.

- **Mental Health Incidents Remain the Same:**

One of our most frequent calls for service involves individuals in mental health distress. As this largely a family matter, there has been no decrease in these type of incidents during the pandemic.

- **Pandemic Regulation Law Enforcement:**

With both State and Federal pandemic regulations now in effect, it falls to the police to enforce these violations. Sometimes, the violators are offended that a complaint has been filed against them, placing police in a "no win" situation. We have endeavored to use good old "common sense" in these cases. By and large, in a community our size, most of our residents have been complying with existing safety regulations.

CRIMINAL ARRESTS, SINCE OUR LAST CRIME BULLETIN:

- A. Four (4) Domestic Violence Arrests**
- B. Two (2) Drunk Driving Arrests**
- C. Two (2) Malicious Destruction of Property Arrests**
- D. Three (3) Arrest Warrants Served for Crimes Occurring in Other Jurisdictions**

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC:

Please adhere to all State and Federal Guidelines pertaining to wearing of masks and social distancing. In addition to your own safety, think of the other people you may come into contact with.

Be SAFE and we will be there for you, as you may need us!!!

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