Minutes from October 19, 2023 Crime Watch Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Webmaster. The July 20, 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected.

The webmaster introduced 5 guests from Greenhurst 2 who have indicated they wish to become part of the Greenhurst Crimewatch. He gave them the website address and noted some of the information he keeps current such as meeting time, location and any current problems or concerns. He introduced our new Dorchester County Sheriff's Department [DCSD] Community Engagement Officer, LT Jolene 'Joli' Tumbleston — jtumbleston@dorchestercountysc.org 843.832.0300. she is new to the position as our liaison but has been with the DCSD for quite a while.

Sheriff's Report: LT Joli Tumbleston reported the theft of 2 vehicles on Brailsford, a burglary on Waring, an assault on Jack Ct., 13 calls on Terry Ave. She stressed the importance of making sure your vehicle is locked, even in your garage, and never ever leave firearms or items like wallets/purses in your vehicles. She also noted the danger of posting info on FaceBook or social media such as when you are going on vacation and how long you will be gone.

Treasurer report: Our current balance is \$224. Dave noted that the light that shines on the Greenhurst sign burned our recently. He used Crime Watch funds to replace it. We have enough funds to cover our only expense of the website through 2024. With the host cost increase it will be \$222.00 for the host and domain.

President report: Reported lots of reports on Nextdoor of cars being broken into.

Secretary report: The report on the repair of the sign is we are on the last of this. The person who is to repair the sign after the damage from the auto accident last year has set a date for October to be completed. The information of the insurance company has been sent to Mr. Chinnis' secretary. The claim had to be handled by Dorchester County since the sign is on County property.

Webmaster report: He reported lots of hits on the CW website, mainly people checking out the minutes of our meetings and looking for information. Some local businesses who requested their information be presented on the website are on there but it was stressed we as an organization do not endorse or recommend their business.

Old Business:

- For the guests from Greenhurst 2, we reviewed our struggle in the past with the gate on Bailey between Greenhurst and Carrington Chase/Town of Summerville. Mr. Chinnis was praised for the help he provided in getting this gate in place, maintenance completed whenever it broke and keeping it locked. The gate will open for all EMT and emergency vehicles.
- The Greenhurst 2 guests noted they have had issues with water on the road behind the bar with flooding in their lawns and driveways. Webmaster advised them to get a map of their neighborhood, high lite the problem areas and let the County Council know exactly what is needed. Write letters and provide pictures of the flooding if possible.

New Business:

- The new Summerville Fire Station 6 being built on Miles Road near the round-a-bout has had a few problems and will not likely be open until just before Christmas.
- There is a new Dorchester County Library Branch open on Patriot Drive near the NC Aquatic Center and Fort Dorchester High School

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

NEXT MEETING January 18, 2024 at 7pm.