

Minutes from January 18, 2024 Crime Watch Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Webmaster. The October 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected.

The webmaster announced that 5 community enforcement, animal control along with DCSD Chief Deputy Sam Richardson were present.

- LT Joli Tumbleston spoke first about recent property crimes which included theft of 4 vehicles with one being taken twice. This one was not solved as yet. Also reported handgun and firearm stolen from unlocked vehicle. Break in on Greenhurst Ave and non-fatal overdose were reported. There was a discussion re: golf cart licensing and license expiration of 3 years.
- Chief Deputy Sam Richardson, an active member of the DCSD for many years, announced he will be running for DC Sheriff in the June primary. He told the group that overall Dorchester County and Greenhurst are fairly safe and law-abiding areas. He added some information about mopeds and similar vehicles: DCSD will arrest driver if not insured w/sticker up to date. He reinforced the importance of locking automobiles and removing weapons before doing so. He replied to questions about his plans if he is elected, regarding updating technology and increasing staffing with regard to recent and projected increases in Dorchester County.
 - The secretary encouraged him to work with middle and high school students with regard to the frequent school shootings. He did comment there are officers working with schools to help students and teachers prepare for problems of this nature. Training events are available for schools. We thanked him for his past service and wished him good luck in the future.
- Officer Khaliah Ferrell updated us on vacant houses they have been following in the recent 6-7 months: Braly – Susan – Dootsie Ct. – Miley – Waring drug house renters have moved.
- Officer Ken Fowler spoke about pets, feral cats and chipping ID. Animal Control cannot pickup feral cats but SPCA [Dorchester Paws] will rent a cage and accept the cat if caught. They are doing spay, neuter, chip shots for the public for \$25. Call Dorch Paws 843.508.8162 to check on current status.

Treasurer report: Our current balance is \$228.

President report: The president did not attend this meeting.

Secretary report: There are several reports that the fence between Greenhurst and Carrington Chase is not working again. The Greenhurst sign is repaired but the contractor has not been paid yet.

Webmaster report: Our treasury has diminished due to fewer attenders. We have enough money to keep the website online for the next year. We will have to begin asking for donations.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Reports of people running the stop signs on Terry and Brailsford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING April 18, 2024 at 7pm.