

1/12/2011 Colonial Hills Block Watch Kickoff Meeting - Minutes

1. The Worthington Police Department (WPD) consists of the following people
 - a. 1 Police Chief (Mosaic)
 - b. 1 Lieutenants (Strait)
 - c. 3 Sergeants
 - d. 20 Full Time Officers
 - e. Reserve Officers
 - f. Crossing Guards
 - g. Community Resource officer (Floyd)
2. The WPD divides Worthington in 3 Districts – total 7 sq. miles
 - a. Districts 1 is North of 161 and East of High Street
 - b. District 2 is North of 161 and West of High Street
 - c. District 3 is South of 161 East and West of High Street
3. The City of Worthington has approximately 13,500 residents
 - a. Neighbors can be a critical component in helping prevent criminal activity in our neighborhoods
 - b. Top 5 Offenses in District 3 from January 2010-Aug 2010
 - i. Theft-55
 - ii. DUI-45
 - iii. Warrants-25
 - iv. Criminal Damaging-22
 - v. Possession of Drugs – (missing number) (Typical Example Marijuana and Heroin)
4. Reporting Crime
 - a. Report to the PD – 614-885-4463 (WPD) 614-645-4545 (ColumbusPD) suspicious activity
 - b. Try to obtain who, what, where, when, weapons, welfare
 - c. Only give information you are certain of, tell the PD if you are unsure of exact information, but still report suspicious activity
 - d. On a cell phone, tell the dispatch where you are, and they will immediately transfer you to the correct location of PD for your area
5. Local issues
 - a. Solicitors – need to have a City permit, ask if they have a permit, and if they don't – you know something is up
 - i. Put your home and cell phone on the National Do Not Call List
<https://www.donotcall.gov/>
 - b. Call the PD if you see or hear anything suspicious!! 885-4463
 - i. WPD non emergency response time 5.5 minutes or less
 - ii. WPD emergency response time 2.5 minutes or less
 - c. Trash items on curb are public domain – invest in a shredder and keep wanted items stored away from curb
 - d. If you hire anyone to do work in your home, watch them to ensure they don't steal anything

- e. Shooting any sort of gun, BB or Airsoft gun is not allowed within city limits
 - f. Lock your home and car doors
6. Forming block watches
- a. Meet and know your neighbor and exchange contact information
 - b. Start changing your mindset and start trying to remember what things typically look like and if something out of the ordinary happens, remember it and REPORT IT.
 - c. Assign Captains and start distributing information and meeting periodically
 - d. 50% of residents must be in block watch for the WPD to officially recognize it.
 - e. There is only one official block watch in Worthington right now, in Worthington Estates.
 - f. Sustain the block watch through the Civic Association and periodic meeting with just your Captain.

These minutes were taken to the best of my ability to accurately reflect items discussed at the meeting, if you have additions or alterations, please contact me within 5 days, and I will update the minutes accordingly. rachaeldorothy@gmail.com