



**Sunshine CC Estates Neighborhood Watch
(Est. 2008)
SCCE - Harlingen's premier NW & CERT Team.**



Lights On -- Lock Up and Look Out for each other!

Disaster Preparedness --- APRIL 2020

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Dear NW-CERT Volunteers and Friends,

Summer status: There is no meeting for April but we have always been proactive in anticipation of Hurricane Season and who is here during the summer. I will be preparing a plat of our community to go to the Communications Center on the Loop and to the EMS Dispatcher. Stay tuned for follow up procedures for Coronavirus – 19 per our Board.

NW Patrols are still in effect. Linda and Dick handed out the April schedule. Currently, if you are scheduled for a patrol and are comfortable with your buddy, carry on – if you want to patrol by yourself – please feel free but be careful. We can orient anyone who would like to patrol – just notify us. If you do go alone, be very vigilant – report suspicious activity – do not approach. **OBSERVE AND REPORT**

Report Suspicious Activity - Harlingen PD dispatch: 956 216 5940 or call 9-1-1

Harlingen PD, Combes PD, Harlingen FD and EMS always enjoy receiving an updated plat of our community so they know who is here and who is not. The Harlingen CERT Team also keeps tabs on us. (We have many angels looking out for us). I have already had several inquiries as to our status. If you need EMS service, there are enhanced precautions for 911 calls respective to an infectious diseases call vs a fall call or cardiac incident. Dispatch will inquire about the nature of the call – it is possible HFD will accompany EMS.

Front Gate Code – not changed

Keypad entry lock to Card Room & Exercise Room Building SEPO doors, new code

Sensaphone system in Storage Lot - Front Gate cameras (still under review)

NW Vendor patrols – discontinued for now.

But, you can do your own patrol by being vigilant – Remember – stuff happens in plain sight!

NW Generator:

Help Wanted: This donated well kept generator was donated to NW by a resident for emergency needs. It must be started once a month. It can at least keep some of our stuff going in case of..... So, any takers? Please call me if you want to be cranky once a month and start the generator.

Flashlight care: in the NW Patrol golf cart

These flashlights get used heavily too. Decision made today after trying out several types, to go back to the MagLight. **We shall purchase 2 new ones.**

Help Wanted: We need a volunteer to keep up with the charging (once a week or so)

McGruffmobile: (Please call me if there are any problems that need attention)

A recommendation - upon completing Patrol, first - plug the electric cord into the outlet then adjust the switch to OFF (inside the golf cart). Last – check to see if you can hear “buzzing” indicating the charger is working. This order may insure it is charging.

Help Wanted: Looking for someone to assist with routine care (water in the batteries etc.) until October. The NW Golf cart gets used several hours every evening. Rich Debackere maintains it during the winter season although major repairs are usually done under SEPO’s purview (as is any other of their equipment).

Be-A-Buddy: things can get hectic during an urgent/emergency situation - so anticipating a problem and notifying your Buddy in advance can help mitigate confusion and anxiety.

RED Envelope:

This emergency paperwork is handy in case of..... It is a concise medical history form for each household member – to be completed – just fill in current medical information and keep it on the fridge. (EMS and the ER luvs it.)

Block Captains – 9 streets:

Essentially – a few folks on each block (street) with extra eyes & ears – knowing who’s home, who is friend or foe and who might be posing as a Bad Guy.etc. Sunshine has fewer residents during the Summer and the Bad Guys are in tune with tell-tale signs - newspapers left in the driveway, windows boarded up etc.