



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



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

**Meeting Agenda – Monday – 15 January 2024 - 3pm - Retzlaff Hall**  
**Lenore J. Combs, Coordinator 956 245 1276 LJCombs44@gmail.com**  
**Sgt. Manny Tovar, Officers Lopez, Bravo and Moreno, HPD District Rep.**

Dear NW- CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,  
This is an open meeting and we welcome your constructive input. We wish to get as many helpful hints and opinions as possible. You matter. Sunshine matters. If you cannot attend, please send me your 2 Cents on this agenda. Aside from the meeting agenda, some of the elements of NW were elaborated upon so as to give you some depth to the assignment.

**Welcome -- Happy New Year and best wishes to all.**  
**Coffee & cookies**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Moment of Silence – Thoughts for your special intentions.**

**Introductions of Guests, new members and new volunteers**

**A huge heartfelt thanks to each and every NW – CERT volunteer**  
**YOU ARE APPRECIATED.**

**Treasurer's report:**  
Bank statement available.

Thanks to all who made our Finger Lickin' Chicken fund-raising venture a huge success. There will be new tires put on the McGruffmobile tomorrow. (NW Golf Cart). Please share any ideas you may have about upgrading it such as LED lights and the rotating "bubble gum light" on the top of the golf cart.

**Agenda:**  
**Old Business:**  
Audience choice

**New Business**  
*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Mead)*

Anything you wish to bring up for discussion is most welcome.

### **1. NW Evening Patrols: Linda & Dick Jones**

Thanks to Linda for her due diligence on making our Patrol Calendar happen. And thanks to those of you who help her make it happen. Jan & Feb 2024 are out but we have too many unfilled spots. (annual schedule = winter has 2 patrols 8:30pm ~ and ~10:30pm. April thru September has 1 patrol.

HELP WANTED !!!!! Many hands make light work. You will be fully oriented and most appreciated.

**2. Block Captains:** - We have 9 streets – Depending on the number of homes - a Block Captain and Co-Captains - play a role in keeping an eye out and sharing information. How 'bout signing up ?

### **3. CERT Team:**

We update our Sunshine Readiness Plan each April for PD, FD, EMT and Comm Center. You do not have to be a CERT member to assist. In March, we generally prepare some hints on how to get your home ready when heading “up North”. But April is reserved for Disaster Preparedness.

### **4. Vendor Program - reinstated**

As a homeowner, we all share responsibility in supporting a *Vendor management* program. Our Board has reviewed our SEPO & NW strategic plan and we are all invited to participate to mitigate potential risks.

### **5. McGruffmobile: NW Golf Cart (Lenore)**

We could use a volunteer or two to assist with this job.

(Manny is standby for major issues and a local Golf Cart dealer (Mario).

Duty: keep an eye on the Golfcart. (batteries, water – general routine – bring concerns to Lenore).

### **6. Golf Cart Hand-held rechargeable Batteries**

Thanks to Tom Gossman who has done this forever. We could use a volunteer.

This requires the 2 Maglite batteries to be charged weekly. We have the charger.

**7. Cameras** – a SEPO Board project – still under construction

### **8. Dog Watch - Bike Patrol – Sunshine Street Strutters**

These are 3 important “*undercover*” volunteer tasks.

If you see something – say something! for your vigilance as always – your intel is a big help. - Any volunteers?

**9. Surveillance:** all of us are responsible. *If you see something – say something!!!*

**SEPO Sensaphone IR System** (This is a Board responsibility)

Status:

Tom Gossins (a NW volunteer) was covering this – some of the wood-workers are aware if its presence in the shop but I'm not sure who is taking responsibility. It is a SEPO project – NW offered a volunteer. Anyone interested?????

## **10. Front Gate Cameras – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ John Combs (back-up)**

This is a SEPO project. These cameras need to be checked occasionally and downloaded at times. John Combs needs a volunteer or two to be oriented and assist. Anyone interested?????

## **11. Locking up the Buildings**

This has always been a Board responsibility. Jim Kennedy is currently the SEPO Director for this area. He is adamant about his duty. He will faithfully lock up every night at 9pm.

This still does not *unobligate* residents to be most vigilant about this issue. Bad Guys luv when you leave doors open – they don't have to bust the lock. (goes for your house & car too etc). So just be sure to shut the door and check it twice.

### **Projects:**

**Operation ID – Officer Bravo & Moreno HPD** Contact Lenore 956 245 1276 so we can make arrangements with you. First, you complete your **Personal Inventory List** then we can set up the engraving process & give you the Operation ID decal. Additional Personal Inventory Lists are available in the Library next to the NW display.

### **Misc:**

**Vial of L.I.F.E. decals** - available. What about “*Who’s Your Buddy*”? This is especially useful to have a friend or neighbor to call upon if an emergency arises.

**RED Envelope** - with current health history.

Complete the health hx, place in red envelope.

If you have a DNR make sure it is in there too – same for special medical documents.

“**Sunshine Emergency Contact**” forms are available in the Office. Please keep your info current. Has the Office a spare key or your designate here in case of ???

**Refrigerator Magnets** to call in at HPD **956 216 5940** report suspicious activity. Have your story together – not an epistle. You will be speaking to an Officer who simply wants to know who, what, where, how and why! (any drugs or guns?)