



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



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

**MINUTES (and other stuff) – Monday – 15 January 2024 - 3pm - Retzlaff Hall  
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Sgt. Manny Tovar, Officers Lopez, Bravo and Moreno, HPD District Rep.**

Dear NW- CERT Volunteers, Residents and Friends,

Thank you to those of you who came as we had a productive meeting. I was surprised that many residents are still unaware of our mission and I soon hope to resolve this by bringing everyone's awareness and understanding up to date.

**1)** In fact, I received a hand written note *"to mention it (NW) as an awareness item for the Board to address – it could be part of our report to the Board, not as a project or responsibility of the NW, as SEPO is ultimately responsible for security etc. "*

As a response, I must say I have exceptionally good access to the Board but the clarification may be the issue. My bad is that I failed to report that many of the initial NW volunteer residents are no longer residents and/ or are no longer active (+ or -) that I request some informational time at our SEPO Board meetings.

I do give a monthly NW report but probably did not emphasize our dwindling numbers and will try to correct that.

There is suggested reading in the Library on Neighborhood Watch and please take a look at it. Leave it there when you're done. (several pages long)  
I will check to see if all new residents get a copy of our NW program.

**2)** The Finger Lickin' Chicken fundraiser was a huge success despite the hic cup of a few chickens escaping. Huge apology for that – will stand up a *"chicken guard"* next time. A special thanks to the patrons and to the FLC Team – "It takes a Village" and without your support, their help and input, it never could have been such a success. THANKS!!

**Treasurers Report** – Lone Star National Nation Bank Balance sheet available.  
Would like to request a volunteer to just look over my shoulder.

Our NW – CERT meetings are open to all Sunshine residents and we welcome your constructive input. We wish to get as many helpful hints, opinions and support as

possible. You matter. Sunshine matters. If you cannot attend, please send me your “2 Cents” on this agenda.

### **Neighborhood Watch Patrols**

Linda & Dick Jones - making our Patrol Calendar happen. Thanks to those of you who help her make it happen. We would appreciate any volunteers. You will be properly oriented, receive an orange vest and the keys to the McGruffmobile (one key for the lock and the other for the ignition is your Golf Cart key isn't similar.)

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.

A suggestion was made to post the NW schedule in the monthly newsletter. I will ask Beth.

### **Front Gate issues and etc.**

Flashing Red Rotating Light – this light is fully operational, It is for use in case of an emergency for the EMS to see us as opposed to hunting in Encore accidentally.

Ric H spoke with Tom (Board) about it.

My reply was “in the old days”, we had a “*Be A Buddy*” system – for instance, I feel that John will need EMS to the hospital – I ask “my buddy” to sit with me as I figure the game plan for the medical team. If I decide I need to go - you “my Buddy” will go to the Front Gate – turn on the RED ROTATING LIGHT and it will alert the EMS as to which entrance to use.

Tom Perrier (SEPO Board) will help facilitate getting your car to have the entry code. Contact him if you need.

### **SECURITY items:**

The NW was never in charge of “security items” such as TV monitors and Front Gate Cameras etc. We also did not pay for these items. Some of our older members (who do no longer reside in SCCE anymore, had expertise in that area (and that's going back a good few years). They simply made sure they were in working order. (example- Trail cameras in the trees etc) COVID came and oversight became “not up to speed”. This is a Board responsibility but – if it is ok with them and you have expertise, give them a call. (My opinion is that most of this gear is outdated and possibly will be upgraded). Another area - there is an IR system in the Woodworkers Shop/Storage area and several cameras elsewhere.

### **Locking Up the Buildings:**

This is a Board responsibility. However, the NW found doors open, a/c running and etc. recently. We do not live in a barn. If you sponsor an event or use the area – secure it.

NW – CERT Meeting adjourned 4pm Thank for your input – very productive!

**FYI: Other NW items of interest: (not discussed)**

**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 ?

**1. 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.

**2. 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.

**3. 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).

**4. 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.

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

**6. 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?

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

**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?)



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PATROL 2 SHIFTS**

**HELP NEEDED 8:30PM – 10:00 AND 10:30PM -12MN**

**Monthly Calendar**