



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



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

NW – CERT Virtual Meeting Agenda – Monday – 15 February 2021 3pm

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Welcome to our 2nd virtual meeting. Thanks for joining us. Just click on to get on.
You will receive or should have received a Moderator’s email instruction notice.

Opening & Welcome: Virtual Coffee & Cookies
Virtual Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence Thoughts for special intentions

Introduction of Guests, new members & volunteers
Sgt. Charles Fechner, District Representative - Harlingen Police Department

Game Plan for our meeting under COVID guidelines:

This “virtual” meeting agenda will be used via a “google meet” meeting format. You can refer your additional longer version for specific details. When we are all on, I will briefly go over the topics. You can have already read the details outlined in the pre-meeting notes under separate cover. Have your questions ready or call me.

Virtual meeting AGENDA:

Trea\$ury Report:

WOW ! What a huge success – what a turn-out of donations! THANKS THANKS THANKS

NEW Business:

OLD Business:

Reports:

PATROLS - Linda

NW Dog Watch --- NW Bike Patrol

McGruffmobile caregiver - Rich

Flashlight volunteer wanted

Sunshine Street Strutters

Vendor Program

Block Captains

Surveillance Assets:

Operation ID

SEPO Emergency Contact Form – please update as needed
RED envelopes with a Health HX for your convenience.

Safety and security is everyone's responsibility.

Once again, thanks again for your time. Over and Out.

Next NW-CERT meeting -- Monday 15 March (3rd Monday) – Virtual
COVID rules: Wear your mask - Wash your hands - Social Distancing - Act Responsibly

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Comprehensive version:



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(This is the longer format for your review providing more details or background).

Dear NW – CERT Volunteers and Friends,

This virtual meeting presents a great opportunity to personally share your ideas and thoughts until we can convene safely an open meeting. Please join us. Contact me LJCombs44@gmail.com if you wish. Instructions will be going out from our Monitor.

This month, Sgt. Charles Fechner, Harlingen Police Department will be joining us from his office. (mic to Sgt Fechner)

Opening & Welcome etc. Thanks for your time and interest.

February is a great month – from Groundhog Day – Superbowl - Nat'l Wear Red (heart) - Valentine's Day – Presidents Day - Mardi Gras and Lent. COVID doesn't stand a chance! Neighborhood Watch is there for you everyday – and without your support our mission could not be accomplished. Thanks again.

Treasury Report - is available – books are always open. Holy Moly! We collected over \$1100.00 with our virtual Finger Lickin' Chicken donation event. Words for gratitude cannot say enough about the support demonstrated from Sunshine. Your donations will be well managed and I will send out an accounting of any costs, expenditures, or repairs etc. for you.

NEW Business:

Thanks to Dick & Linda Jones for the Dog Watch vests. Our Sunshine K-9 Patrol is very sharp looking and this team is a sure bet to scare off the Bad Guys. (Bet the PD K-9s will be jealous too!)

The March Patrol schedule is under construction. We have oriented several new NW Patrol volunteers. - That still does not let you personally off the hook for Sunshine's safety and security. Contact us, even for fill-in or project opportunities. This is your NW.

"Area-Fam" As in the past, the local EMS has done a "ride-about" thru Sunshine to familiarize themselves better with our addresses. In this exercise, the EMS Director will send out ambulance crews to us, Encore and Lakeside. The goal for them is to learn which streets are where. So, don't get excited if several ambulances are going thru at one time in here soon.

Old Business:

Have any of you taken any CERT classes yet? Your opportunity is still posted on our NW-CERT bulletin board in the Library. Check it out.

John and I can offer two free safe, COVID compliant "Certificate" classes. The first is Hands-Only CPR with AED and the 2nd class covers First Aid and Stop-The-Bleed instruction.

(free to NW-CERT active volunteers only) - contact Lenore 956 245 1276

Reports: PATROLS If Linda is on line, she may want to address Patrols for March and possibly the summer roster. (Easter is early – the 4th of April and many of you may be returning home). In the summer we do one patrol at around 9pm. Otherwise – bottom line is we can always use help – one time – part time, any time.

Flashlight volunteer - needed – for the McGruffmobile - to keep them charged..... simple job and much appreciated. Thanks to Jean for keeping the lights on!

NW Dog Watch – Bike Patrol – any takers? No schedule – just go out. You are the "eyes and ears". If you see something – say something.
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY phone number at Harlingen Police 956 216 5940

Sunshine Street Strutters – as always - thanks for your vigilance. (Where did you get those green shoe markers?)

Vendor Program – I would like to bring it up for its reinstatement to the new Board. Rationale: there are many vehicles in here without ID. Granted, they probably are legit but what's to stop a Bad Guy from just driving in here and checking out the possibilities? Stuff happens in plain sight. Let me know your thoughts.

Block Captains - are a great asset to NW and to our community – There are 306 homes in Sunshine. If everyone just took a little time – our safety & security would be over the top. Communication would be invaluable. Think about it! You can volunteer for Winter or Summer or both. Kansas and Nebraska need 1 or 2 volunteers at the most but the longer streets can use several volunteers (4-6 each). The vantage point is that the home in your immediate area (sight) gets attention. The more boots on the ground the better the communication is on your street.

Surveillance Assets:

IR Sensaphone System: Tom Gossman is Team Leader

Our IR system is an infrared motion detector to protect from intruders in our Storage Lot. Tom will do an In-service soon. RVs and sheds are an appealing attraction to the Bad Guys. Keep them locked.

Lighting & Cameras – a Task Force is in the works – Bill Peterson is Team leader and several residents are collaborating on the project. HPD was here recently to share some input.

Operation ID - Remember to keep Operation ID in mind. This is a nationwide program designed to discourage burglary and theft of valuables. It provides a way to ID stolen property and it increases Law Enforcement's chances of recovery and conviction. The process is to complete your Op ID Inventory form, take photos of your stuff and then we can help with the engraving.

Op ID Inventory forms are on the NW bulletin board in the Library. After completion you can make several copies for your insurance and other purposes.

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