

Estates at Dove Run
Neighborhood Watch Meeting
Wednesday, July 1st 7:00pm

Agenda

- Dove Run Statistical Update
- Suspicious Activity
- Speeding in the Area
- Middletown Curfews
- Noise Ordinances
- Wrap Up

Minutes

- Officer Brenner reminded attendees that the Neighborhood Watch is not required nor requested to be a local police force or to perform patrols, but rather to be the local eyes and ears of the police force and promote a community environment
- Officer Brenner provided a statistical update of calls and responses for the month of June
- **Suspicious Activity Overview**
 - When in doubt – call the Police Dispatch Line (Ofcr. Brenner handed out magnets)
 - MPD has heard of various stories that for some reason were not called in and should have been. This helps the police form cases and often leads to a successful arrest.
 - Form a “Zero Tolerance” policy against any level of criminal activity
 - If you know the person performing the act and feel comfortable approaching them (or the parents) do so. If you do not feel comfortable approaching them, call it in to the Dispatch Line or send a tip to the MPD. (The example given was neighborhood teenagers speeding up and down the streets).
- **Ordinances**
- **Curfew**
 - The summertime curfew for 17 and under is 10:30pm. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to be on the streets of Middletown (including the neighborhood) after 10:30pm
 - Curfew for those over 18 is 1:00am.
 - The MPD has a “no warning policy” for the summer and all infractions will be enforced. The MPD asks that any violations be called in.
- **Noise**
 - Quiet hours are from 9:00pm – 7:00am
 - Noise violations across a natural barrier (for example a closed window) should be reported
- **Fireworks**
 - Fireworks, including sparklers are illegal in DE

- **Initiatives**

- The Neighborhood Watch would like to sponsor a contest to help design the Neighborhood Watch signs to be posted near the entrances. We are reviewing basic sign designs and templates and brainstorming on how to roll such a contest out. Suggestions are welcome.
- We are considering holding an event to offer ID and/or Print cards for the neighborhood children. There is a cost component to this and we are debating how best to structure this (i.e. NW participants get free cards, all others have a \$1 donation fee). There is also a possibility of partnering with a local business to offset the cost.
- Speed Trailer/ Educational Enforcement – In the coming weeks, the speed trailer will be placed on Dove Run Blvd. The following week, there will be officers around providing warnings. The next week, officers will be writing tickets without exception. Please be mindful and keep your speed down while driving through the neighborhood as the speed limit is 25mph on every street within Dove Run.
- Additional Stop Signs are being considered for strategic placement throughout the neighborhood. This will be tabled until prior business with DelDOT is completed.
- Some attendees have asked if we can use the board or the NWA as a “complaint processor.” For example, if one neighbor continues to speed or is routinely noisy, have the board/NWA send a letter to that neighbor in lieu of reporting them to the MPD.
- We need to compile a list of all vacant homes and forward to the MPD. This helps them patrol the neighborhood and identify suspicious activity where there should be no activity at all.

- **Our next meeting will be held at the MPD on 7/29 at 7:00pm**