



# Community Safety Committee Update

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It has been an active couple of months for the new Community Safety Committee, as work toward several objectives outlined in the last newsletter.

## Neighborhood Watch

As of this writing, the CSC has six volunteers for the neighborhood watch. We need many more to make Neighborhood Watch a viable program, and I urge you to volunteer. A volunteer will be asked to participate in a multiple-person patrol one Friday or Saturday night every six to eight weeks or less, depending on the number of volunteers.

## Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) Liaison Activities

The CSC has established an ongoing relationship with the MCPD First District Officer Michael Prather and Robert Wells of the Department of Public Works and Transportation. In addition to discussion on speeding, neighborhood watch, Officer Prather has provided a report on the calls for service in our area as shown below. This report covers all 3 HOAs in our neighborhood from July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 6th. A call for service means that a report was entered in the database, but does not mean that a crime was necessarily discovered to have been committed.

Call For Service Categories	Number of Calls
Disorderly Conduct	5
Vandalisms	3
Miscellaneous Calls & Suspicious Situations	8
Family Trouble	5
Mental Illness	1
Traffic Hazard, Underage Drinking Party	1 each, 2 total
Residential Alarm	3
Assault and Battery, Burglary	1 each, 2 total
Littering, Lost Property, Dead Deer, Animal Complaint	1 each, 4 total

## Speeding

The CSC continues to work the issue of speeding in our neighborhood on a few of different fronts. First, we worked to bring the Speed Trailer to Indianola at the beginning of September. The trailer promotes driver awareness of speed and collects statistics that are used by the MCPD Traffic Unit to determine the level and severity of speeding. Second, the CSC is working with the MCPD to perform enforcement action over the coming months. Finally, a study has been initiated by the County to determine if Indianola traffic volume and speeds meet the County criteria for speed bumps.

## October 8<sup>th</sup> Graffiti Removal

The CSC had a number of residents provide materials, equipment, a water hook-up, and volunteer their time to clean up the graffiti. However, Mother Nature was not cooperative and the event was rained out. The CSC will reschedule in the next few weeks.

If you have questions or concerns about current CSC activities, have ideas about what areas of Community Safety the CSC should address, or would like to volunteer on the CSC, please contact Shawn Grammer at [shawnhoa@grammer.org](mailto:shawnhoa@grammer.org) or 240-994-2798. The CSC welcomes your input and participation!