

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP UPDATE

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1. I have talked to four different companies who sell warning sirens (Granger, Signalguys, Federal Signal and ATISystems). The first two did not have anything that would work for our area. Federal Signal did, but the cost is prohibitive, ie: \$25,000 for a siren that only provides coverage 1 mile in each direction or \$600 for just 1,000 ft. coverage). ATI has an engineer going over google maps to determine best locations, so will continue to research.
2. Over the last two weeks the Zone Coordinators have been verifying Phone Tree phone numbers and email addresses. We have also added several more Coordinators. In the next week or two we are going to conduct a test and see how long it takes to notify landowners.
3. CCT74 Vandalism -a new landowner works at El Moro and he is going to provide some help in determining the best way to clean up the vandalism.
4. After two years with no burglaries, our luck ran out recently. On 9/6 we sent out an alert with 7 incidents on the TRLA website, FB, and our email alert system. Good news was that the kayak was returned the next day. A police report was not filed since the kayak was returned. However, I did have the license plate checked and it did not belong to a landowner. Owner of vehicle was from Alb. As a result of the alerts going out, several other incidents and suggestions were received.
 - a. A third house was broken into and vandalized in Cibola. A window was broken and . Owners were contacted on 9/8 and they came in from Kansas City on 9/10 to make repairs, assess the damage. A big generator, pressure washer, table & chairs were taken. Sheriff came out at 8:30 p.m. on 9/11, so police report was filed.
 - i. Over the past two months, break-ins have occurred in McKinley – 1 house and Cibola – 2 houses. Police reports for Cibola were filed, but not sure about McKinley.
 - ii. I intend to contact both County Sheriff's to discuss these recent incidents.
 - b. A video was received from a Box S resident with a suspicious person/vehicle in plain sight. Another vehicle and person could be seen and heard, but not visible on the video. I met with them and encouraged them to file a police report. Police report has not been filed yet, but I have encouraged them to do so.
 - i. As a result of this incident and a suggestion on the Forest survey, we intend to include Box S in our alert system.
 - c. 911 call was made on 8/30 about a campfire late at night and loud voices on a vacant lot. Vol Fire Dept. answered the call.
 - d. Several more complaints were received about the kids racing down the road on ATV's with no helmets. Vol Fire Dept. did respond to one call.
 - e. A white lowrider, 4 door supposedly comes into Timberlake every day with 5-6 people.
 - f. Campfire in 3 spots off Timberlake and Cottonwood area, but I do not know if Vol. Fire Dept. was called.
 - g. Two Suggestions to install cameras at the Timberlake front entrance and at each lake gate to monitor who comes in and out. Another landowner said we could install on top of her garage close to the north lake gate.

- h. One suggestion for having volunteer security shifts until this blows over, or a car with “security” on the side of it parked near the road thinking that it would be a deterrent. However, if one is pessimistic, this could be a target for “target practice”.
- i. One suggestion to hire security personnel over all the holidays (a few days before, during and after).
- j. Several landowners reported having an ATV, newer model Nissan pick-up drive down driveways and then leave when landowner went outside to check. Casing???
- k. Large campfire one evening was not reported and landowner left it smoldering when they left to go home the next day. Vol. Fire Dept. had to put 400 gallons of water on it. Vol. Fire Dept. and TRLA is going to address with the landowner.
- l. One suggestion is that TRLA hire a Property Manager to address these concerns.
- m. One suggestion is that TRLA Board ask our attorney to prepare a blanket letter that could be used when negative/harmful incidents occur in the development (kids racing ATV’s down the road with no helmets – it’s against the law , speeding, leaving trash/poop on property, taking more than the water allotment, campfires being left smoldering.
- n. Several reports have been received concerning ATV tracks across private property/vacant land.
- o. A suspicious vehicle parked outside a driveway gate on Woodland was reported on 9/10. It was there almost a day. Checked license plate and it was registered to someone in OK and not a landowner.
- p. A suspicious vehicle was also reported on 9/12 on Woodland – a black sedan with a license plate with a US flag on the left side cruising Woodland slowly around 2 p.m. Two guys in their mid 20’s.

The one good thing that has come out of all these incidents is that our community watch system was really activated – a kayak was returned, a campfire did not get out of hand and we received lots of suggestions for the TRLA Board to consider.

On the evening that the kayak was reported stolen, McKinley County Sheriff’s did come out to talk to the landowner at 10:30 p.m. Although last year the Sheriff’s Dept. (both McKinley & Cibola) told us that they intended to have more patrols in our area, the Sheriff reported that no one had been out since March because of staffing shortages. Until this last holiday weekend, we have not reported any of the break-ins, signs that people are casing our properties, kids on ATV’s not following the rules (and adults for letting their kids ride without helmets and speeding). **Sheriffs will assist us if landowners will report these types of incidents. If we do not file complaints, they cannot assist us. If you know where the kids live, give this information to the Sheriff’s Dept. and they will talk to the parents. Take pictures and get license plate numbers.**