



MINUTES OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GENERAL MEETING

ORCHARD CREEK LODGE – REAR BALLROOM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 – 1:00 P.M.

Board members in attendance were Jean Ebenholtz, Joan Logue, Paula Payne, Joel Thomas, Ken Sheehan, and Pauline Watson. Advisory Group members present were Patricia Evans, John LaHiff and Larry White. Excused Absences: Harold McMillan, Barbara Moss, Ron Ross, and Will Small

Joan Logue, Assistant Executive Director, welcomed everybody and began the general meeting at 1:05 p.m. She introduced Chief Brian Vizzusi from the Lincoln Police Department and Chief Dave Whitt from the Lincoln Fire Department.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brian Vizzusi presented his 2008 Goals and Strategies report:

- A total of 45 personnel were sworn in during 2008.
- The Lincoln Police Department is being reviewed for National Accreditation.
- Lincoln Police Department is finally moving to its new location at 640 Fifth Street on Monday, October 27 (former City Hall Building) and will no longer be open for business on Saturdays. The existing building located at 770 Seventh Street will be utilized by our Operations Division as a substation.
- Introduced new computer technology to the department such as "PLATESCAN" that can scan license plates and produce instant photos checking for stolen vehicles.
- Mobile Command Trailer
- Department is in the process of scanning all documents on file into a new paperless record system.
- Chaplaincy Program to help officers as well as community
- Citations are written up in high traffic-accident areas to deter increase in accidents
- Replaced the 40-year old Lincoln Police Department shoulder patch with an updated one.
- Car collisions totaled 222 down 43% from last year
- Apprehensions totaled 28
- The effective K9 Program is proving to be very effective
- Citizens on Patrol Program totaled 17,000 hours of service resulting in \$300,000 in budget savings

Chief Vizzusi received the following questions prior to the meeting and replied as follows:

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1. Is it possible for car thieves to use vehicle identification numbers from the metal label located on the dashboard to request a duplicate key at a local car dealership? *Absolutely not. You need to bring proof of ownership like PINK SLIP.*

2. Will people with cell phones be able to participate in the W.A.R.N. system? *Yes, the system will be able to do cell phones. Telephone numbers from land lines were obtained from ATT and included in the W.A.R.N. system but you need to notify us of your cell phone number for us to add to the system. If you have unlisted telephone numbers the system can be programmed to send emergency calls only.*

3. When the next emergency occurs, will the W.A.R.N. system inform us where to evacuate to? *Yes, if an evacuation is necessary, the system will give you the evacuation site location.*

4. Some residents did not receive the automated telephone call about the recent fire. Did only sections of Sun City Lincoln Hills get notified? *Working on some bugs to fix it but the message will repeat.*

The Chief stressed the importance of having a landline phone available in the house in case of a power outage.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dave Whitt reported on the recent purchase of two new Type 1 truck engines and one 105" aerial ladder truck. The Chief's office is now located in the new Fire Station #34 located at First and Joiner Parkway. Fire Station #33 on McBean Park Blvd. houses five staff members and Fire Station #35 located at East Lincoln Parkway is unmanned at this time due to a severe mold problem. The Lincoln Fire Department usually receives about 3,000 calls a year for fire service.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PRESENTATION – LARRY WHITE

Larry White stressed the importance of preparing today for future emergencies. The following items are important to have on hand: an evacuation plan; an emergency kit small in nature so you can pick up and run with it; an AM radio to receive emergency information, a backpack that includes water, snack bars, substantial clothing and comfortable shoes (in case of broken glass). If you have special needs the following items are very important: medications, oxygen if needed, extra battery for an electric wheel chair, extra pair of eyeglasses and prescriptions. Also crucial to have is cash in small denominations especially if there is a power outage (ATMs will not be working), important records. It would be a good idea to have your vital records and copies of prescriptions put on a computer thumb drive to help re-establish your life in case of a major disaster. Keep gas tank full, keep a map of your local area in your car, keep a 72-hour emergency kit in trunk of car and remain calm. **LOCK YOUR HOUSE WHEN YOU LEAVE!**

If you have been given an evacuation route, it is important that you follow the instructions given and do not take shortcuts.

“Are You Ready” is a great resource book and provides helpful guidelines to help prepare your emergency kits and answers most questions about emergency preparations. The book is offered free from FEMA by calling 1-800-BEREADY (1-800-237-2329). Just follow the prompts.

Larry White invited everyone to attend ERT/CERT meetings scheduled the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 in Orchard Creek Lodge. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11. Also a CERT class will be offered in the spring and will be advertised in the COMPASS.

General meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by Pauline Watson, Neighborhood Watch Secretary

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