

Quail Creek Neighborhood Watch Notes from Annual Meeting 2/27/2012

Notes from a meeting hosted by the Springfield Police Dept. held early this month at the Library building.

* We are truly blessed in our neighborhood by having just one way in and out...that will help discourage criminal types because they can be caught easier.

*We have very nice people as neighbors, God fearing, honest, and proud to keep our neighborhood in clean and neat order at all times.

*If you See Something...Say Something!...Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call 911 to report suspected wrong doings.

*If you report something, give as much information as possible, i.e. "white pickup truck with dented right rear fender, license number ending in X32" this helps the police immensely.

*A few things you can do to help with your own property...

-if you are going to be gone, be sure to have someone pick up your newspaper daily, nothing says "no one here" like papers in the driveway. See the link below on qcpoa.com:

["Stopping local newspaper and U.S. mail"](#)

-solid core construction is preferred for doors leading out of your home

-lighting, triggered by movement, is a good deterrent outside your home.

-make sure your landscaping does not allow hiding places for potential intruders.

-be sure your house number is easily readable from the street...4 inches high minimum.

-lock the doors between your garage and interior of your home.

-park all cars in garage at night if possible, and those outside ...be sure they are locked.

-when out of town on trips be sure your home doesn't look deserted, keep some window blinds open, etc.

-when possible have timing devices on lamps, radios etc. in your home to come on and off when you are away.

-keep garage doors closed when not actively using them.

* Be familiar with your immediate neighbors and their normal hours of movement, be watchful of their homes near you and report any problem to them or call police if you think appropriate.

*Ways to contact the police...

-- call 911

-- call 864-1810 for police front desk.

-- call 869-TIPS for Crime Stoppers

-- file an Online Police Report with the Springfield Police Department (see link on qcpoa.com)

Curtis also mentioned that it's a good idea to keep your car keys on your nightstand so if you hear any suspicious noises in your house, you can press the "Panic" button on your car key and set off your car alarm.