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1. What can we ask of the adjoining apartment complex to help keep bad actors out of their property and ours?

CM has approached the complexes in District 12 in her Apartment Crime Summit (name?) meeting 16 August. She wants the city to take the lead in this. She is looking to do this with enforcement and code changes. She does not want the communities or HOA management companies approaching the complex managers or owners at this time as it might confuse the messaging from the Apartment Crime Summit and HOAs do not have any leverage to do this.

2. How many apartment complexes in Dallas have been tagged as Habitual Criminal Properties? Is the threat to apt managers serious enough?

There is one in D12 in Denton County. Yes, this is a serious threat to apt complex owners.

3. Is there any progress on the problem with the car wash on Frankford?

Yes, one criminal trespassing violation was issued recently. Three need to occur in 90 days to allow the problem to be sent to the city prosecutor.

4. Is the North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance worth joining?

CM does not believe that it is effective although it is very well intentioned.

5. What can the DPD do to assist us in preventing crime and apprehending criminals?

There is now daytime patrol in the neighborhood. Night time patrol is unlikely due to shortage of officers and vehicles.

6. What can homeowners do to prevent being a victim?

- a. Lock house, cars and fence gates; keep garages closed, park in garage
- b. Motion sensitive lights or spotlights
- c. Alarm systems

Residents can install cameras on their property

Also they can bring attention to the Haverwood problem via 911 and 311

Residents can actively report crimes to 911 and the app "I-Watch Dallas" and nuisances to 311.

7. How to communicate with Police and report incidents? We want to publicize this to the community. Which officers to contact with non-emergency issues?

- a. 911 for intruders, crimes, other?
- b. 311 for nuisances? Such as?
- c. How to use "I-Watch Dallas"? Should individuals communicate or just the HOA mgmt company?

Individuals

8. Patrol cars have been in the neighborhood for the last 3 days. All residents are very glad to see them. Can that continue, at least temporarily, and then maybe on a random basis in the future? Can patrols happen at night occasionally? Are bike patrols useful or available?

Patrols will continue for near term and are on a random basis. Night patrols are unlikely. Could not ask about bike patrols

9. Is neighborhood watch effective? If so, who do we talk to about setting it up and making it work?

The Dallas Program is VIP, Volunteers in Patrol. It uses trained volunteers to patrol neighborhoods and identify and report suspicious or illegal activity. It is non-confrontational.

Also, the DPD has a program ENP, Extra Neighborhood Patrol. Communities pay for police and car rentals for dedicated patrols. Hours and rates are as agreed with Police but must be enough to get the attention of the officers.

Bent Tree North is using this program and have discussed joining with Oaktree so that we can "piggy back" on their established program and if possible share some costs. Their Neighborhood Officer will contact David Stewart to discuss. I will then send data to the HOA Board.

10. Would any of the following be effective in reducing access and spotting intruders?

- a. Fencing along boundary with apartments
- b. Motion sensitive spotlight cameras.
- c. Professional monitoring of cameras. If so, how to respond?

Did not discuss directly.

11. What does DPD recommend resident and HOAs do to prevent crimes?

Did not ask specifically, but see discussion above. There is a brochure with some helpful hints