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Dear Neighbor,

The following is an attempt at some minutes for what transpired at our Crime Prevention Meeting of February 19, 2014.

Seventeen(17) residents joined Lieutenant Mark Fisch of the Will County Sheriff's Office for a discussion on Crime Prevention. Mark explained that he is a 26 year veteran of the Department and a third generation Homer Glen resident. The questions and answers lasted almost two hours.

Mark stated that there are 3 shifts with 15 deputies and 4 sergeants for our area. Three deputies per shift patrol Homer Glen proper. Each shift would patrol our neighborhood one time per shift.

Are crime statistics available for our neighborhood ? Mark said it is hard to get that specific but from a report that he had run, we are a very safe neighborhood based on the statistics.

How to stop vandals from damaging mail boxes ? This is a difficult crime for the law to stop. It is minimal damage and usually occurs at night without any witnesses. Mark encouraged us to report any and all of these in case a pattern would be apparent.

Mark discussed the 911 center and how it functions. One note on this is that, if you call from your home number, the police can locate you immediately but, if you call from a cell phone, you must stay on the line so they can locate you.

One subject brought out was the "gypsy or ruse burglars" who have worked our neighborhood in the past. The scheme is to ring your doorbell and, using some excuse like "I'm landscaping your neighbor's lot and want you to verify the property line", they get you out of the house while a companion enters and robs your house. The solution is to not answer the door or at least don't leave the house and call the police.

Mark stressed that the police can only know what we tell them so if you have a problem and need assistance in the area of crime prevention, call them.

It was a great discussion. Thanks to all who attended.

Dave Frede

