

**St. Joseph Township Neighborhood Watch
Board Meeting Minutes
03-25-2010**

Present: Rick Knapp, Mildred Hart, Ron Drews & Kelly Clark.

I. Minute Revision

A. Approved minutes from 06-2009.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. No report.

III. Police Report

- A. January and March saw car B&E's at Panara Bread. Windows were broken out of the vehicles. The thief stole a purse from the seat of one car. Do not leave valuables in plain sight!
- B. March saw a garage B&E in Fairplain. There was no sign of forced entry.
- C. March also had 3 car B&E's on Colfax. Doors were unlocked, one vehicle had a purse stolen.
- D. Overall crime for 2009 was down 3.8% in St. Joseph Township. In 2009, the national average for clearing crimes was .25%. Our officers clear rate is 68.2%! This is an incredible clearance rate and we appreciate our officers dedication and hard work to their jobs!

IV. Old Business

- A. Our bike sale in August was completed. No figures on total sales available.
- B. Frank O'Brien completed updating the Child Watch sign audit for our area. This deserves a heartfelt thank you, as it is a big job!

V. New Business

- A. June 17 & 18, 2010 is the date for Camp 911. Our officers have voted to purchase subs, chips, and drinks for the approximately 50-60 students and staff for one day.
- B. Our Neighborhood Watch Picnic will be held on June 27, 2010. Plans were discussed. We will need about 100 hotdogs and buns, along with condiments for them. We plan on using Carronde Park again, unless the new pavilion at the Maiden Lane soccer complex is complete. We may use that if available. We decided to purchase pencils for give-away items. We will contact local businesses for prices.
- C. Donation letters for our picnic were sent out by Officer Knapp and many have returned. We thank the following businesses and people for their generosity!

Jeffrey Schmidt, D.D.S.	Vern and Marcia Shoff
South Shore Racquet Club	Nye's Apple Barn
Liberty Foods	Church of Christ, Scientology
- D. National Night Out will be held on August 03, 2010 at the Riverview Park from 5-8 p.m. We hope that Target will again be a sponsor and supply our hotdogs, condiments and people to help serve. Come join us!
- E. A discussion was held regarding recruiting new captains for some of our neighborhoods. We talked about targeting certain areas with letters asking for help. There isn't much work being a street captain. If a crime is committed, you agree to contact your neighbors and let them know, so everyone can keep an eye out for suspicious activity. If you would like to be a street captain, please call Frank O'Brien at 925-5444.
- F. The board voted to donate \$200 for the "Lest We Forget" program. They plan on bringing a Veteran's wall into St. Joseph this year.
- G. Officer Knapp reminds us that crime alerts for the whole St. Joseph Charter Township area are placed on the website now. We can check that using the url address as shown below. You can also see these minutes online also!
- D. Please return your Census forms! Our Township needs to have everyone counted!