

## **Safety, Streetscape & Transportation Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2009**

October 13, 2009 minutes were approved as written.

GM Herr passed out a draft of guidelines for riding the shuttle bus and requested email feedback. He discussed the ECO shuttle management response to adding potential stops at the French American School. We will not be adding stops due to their safety and schedule concerns. Mark will send out an email covering this.

GM Herr distributed feedback from the last board meeting.

GM Herr distributed a draft of Crime Prevention: Tips, Tricks and FAQ's. Please email feedback.

Mark Sanzone will draft a survey for homeowners to solicit feedback on safety priorities and use of their dues to fund them. He will also draft an article on this for the January newsletter.

Molly Oliver and John Gonzales stat used the group mailbox project.

The focus of our next meeting will be to get us, PDOT, Forest Heights School, and our public safety officer together to discuss and agree on safety priorities and projects direction for the community. This will be reviewed against the survey results when they are available.

New action list from 11/3

Mark      Email Mike Solly on ECO bus decision  
            Draft a safety survey and send to Stephen  
            Draft safety survey article for Jan newsletter  
            Invite PDOT and FH principal to next meeting

Stephen    Invite Sue Abrahamson to next meeting  
            Get Shuttle ridership guidelines approved by board and posted to web site  
            Get "Crime prevention tips" approved by board and posted to web site

All              Review ECO shuttle guidelines and provide feedback to Stephen by 11/9.  
                    Review Crime prevention tips and provide feedback to Stephen.

Next Meeting Dec 1, 2009 in the Association Office at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Sanzone  
Chair & Secretary SST

# Forest Heights Crime Prevention: Tips, Tricks, and FAQs.

## Northwest Portland's Crime Prevention Program

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program offers many tools to help combat *crime* and *livability* issues that can affect you and your community. From the Neighborhood Watch Program to personal safety tips, the Crime Prevention Program can help in organizing your community, so that your neighborhood will be better prepared for preventing crime. If you want more information on Portland's Crime Prevention Program, please call Frank Silva at, 503-823-4257. **Or visit the *Portland Crime Prevention Website* at, <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/nwcp>**

## Crime Prevention Program and the Portland Police Bureau: Help for Northwest Portland

The Crime Prevention Program of Portland and the Portland Police Bureau work, hand-in-hand, to solve problems and educate the surrounding communities; whether they are neighborhoods or business communities, on many crime and livability issues. Your Neighborhood Response Team Officer is **Bill Winters**. He can be contacted at 503-823-0307.

## Northwest Portland Neighborhood Watch Program

Portland's Neighborhood Watch program is facilitated through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program. The Neighborhood Watch program endorses communities to be "Less Attractive" to criminals by: increasing personal, vehicle, and home security.

There are 9 steps for organizing a Neighborhood Watch.

1. Talk to a Crime Prevention Coordinator
2. Ask a Neighbor to Help
3. Find Out Your Neighbor's Concerns
4. Decide What Area You Are Going to Organize
5. Decide Time, Date, and Location of 1st Meeting
6. Ask CPPC For a Training Date
7. Deliver Invitations
8. Recruit Neighbors
9. Confirm and Remind

There are certain roles within the Neighborhood Watch. The first is the Neighborhood Watch Organizer. The Neighborhood Watch Organizer's duties include: coordinating, designing, and developing distribution materials. Also, the watch organizer communicates crime issues and concerns with the appropriate resource (CPPC, Police). Furthermore, the watch organizer ensures that all materials, addresses, and contact information are up-to-date.

A Neighborhood Watch Member's Duties Include: communication and logging of persistent problems. Also, the watch member must work to foster relationships within the neighborhood watch; as well as, work with the appropriate resources to resolve problems and make the neighborhood "Less Attractive" to criminals.

Once your neighborhood becomes a city sponsored Neighborhood Watch, the community will be presented with an assortment of tools and benefits to make your neighborhood more secure.

The first advantage of joining a neighborhood watch will be the creation of a block profile. This profile will include the names of the people who reside at the residence, contact numbers, and specific skills that people may have (a doctor, carpenter etc.). The next tool that the neighborhood will have is a block map. This will illustrate visually, where residences are located.

The third benefit of joining a neighborhood watch is a phone/email tree or circle. This allows for neighbors to have an open line of communication with each other; and provides a means of notifying neighbors if a crime or an emergency is happening.

Finally, the last advantage of joining a Neighborhood Watch is signage. These allow for people who come into the neighborhood know that the people that live there have an open line of communication with each other and have taken the necessary steps to reduce crime in their neighborhood.

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## Northwest Portland Car Prowl Safety

- Park near other vehicles or in high pedestrian and vehicle traffic areas. Parking in an isolated area is a welcome mat for criminals.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Keep packages and valuables out of sight in the trunk. This includes insurance and registration information.
- Be certain your windows are rolled completely up and your doors are locked.
- Criminals look for easy targets. Before leaving your vehicle, take a second to check that your car is not an easy target.

# Calling 9-1-1 vs. The Non-Emergency Number

## Calling 9-1-1

- Danger and or Crime is Being Committed
- Danger and or Crime is Causing an Imminent Threat
- Danger and or Crime is Going Happen in Immediate Future

## Calling Non-Emergency Number

- 503-823-3333
- Problem Can Wait Until Later
- Problem is Not Causing Imminent Threat and or Danger

It is always better to error on the side of caution. If you feel like you or your patrons are being threatened, are going to be threatened, or are going to be put in a threatening situation do not hesitate to call 9-1-1.

## What to do After You, Your Home, Your Car, or Somebody You Know Becomes a victim of a Crime.

As a part of the Crime Prevention Program continued efforts to reduce crime and improve neighborhood livability, there are many steps that, you can do, to help not become a victim in the future. First and foremost, take the preventive measures to ensure that your community will be less likely a victim of a crime. However, if you do become a victim of a crime, please do not hesitate to **report the crime to the police**. Right after a crime is committed **write down the details** of the suspects, vehicles, and or activities. **Make sure to document the variables that are defined, distinguished, and detailed.**

- Pay Attention to Things That a Person Cannot Easily Change
- Document, Record, and Log
  - While Details Are Fresh
  - Can Refer to at a Later Time
- Talk to Other Neighbors in the Area

After a person(s) is arrested, request to pursue charges against the individual(s). **Contact the District Attorney's Office** (503-988-3860), to take the steps necessary to ensure that these cases are aggressively pursued.

## Crime Statistics

The City of Portland provides numerous outlets for researching, gathering, and informing its residents of the numbers of crimes, types of crimes, and calls for police services.

- CrimeMapper:  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/police/index.cfm?c=29830>

CrimeMapper is an easy to use web-based Geographic Information System that simplifies the mapping and tracking of crimes reported to the Portland Police Bureau.

- CrimeStats:  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/police/index.cfm?c=29831>

CrimeStats is a new on-line service that makes it easy for users to view and compare neighborhood crime statistics in Portland. CrimeStats sorts and compares neighborhood crime data. CrimeStats does not map crime. To map reported crimes that have occurred around a specific address in Portland, please use CrimeMapper.

- CrimeReports.com:  
<http://www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=Portland,%20OR>

Portland Police Bureau's Calls for Service

## Community Safety Resources

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| • Information and Referral     | 503-823-4000 |
| • Portland Police: Central     | 503-823-0097 |
| • Site Services Complaint Line | 503-823-2633 |
| • Liquor License Notification  | 503-823-3092 |
| • Graffiti Abatement           | 503-823-5860 |
| • Animal Control               | 503-988-3066 |
| • Noise Control                | 503-823-7350 |
| • Neighborhood Mediation       | 503-823-3152 |
| • Abandon Autos                | 503-823-7309 |
| • Traffic Issues               | 503-823-SAFE |
| • Parking Enforcement          | 503-823-5195 |
| • Drug House Complaint         | 503-823-DRUG |
| • Gang Enforcement Team        | 503-823-4106 |
| • Locks Program                | 503-823-0284 |
| • Mental Health Crisis Line    | 503-988-4888 |
| • Child Abuse Hotline          | 800-923-HELP |
| • Senior and Disabled Hotline  | 503-988-3646 |
| • Consumer Hotline             | 503-229-5576 |
| • Copies of Police Reports     | 503-823-0041 |

