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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone that made it to the last regular meeting on a cold March evening. It was nice to see so many new faces!

Our April meeting will be held on the third Monday of April which is April 20, 1998. We will be holding an Escape School (see additional information in this newsletter) for children presented by the Del City Police Department. This event will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria. If you have children you will not want to miss this! The Escape School will only last one hour and then we will have a short regular meeting afterwards.

By the way, anyone concerned about the "used car lot" along Sooner Road, the Del City Police Department has handled this problem.

A Base List is compiled each year with information that you as members send to us on your applications. The Base List is what our base units use to see if a particular address that may be called in by a patroller is the address of a member of DANWA. Each April 1st, this Base List starts over with renewed members and new members. If you have not renewed by April 1, 1998, your name will not appear on this list. Just because you were a member last year and the year before and the year before that, does not mean you are "automatically" a member each year and your name will not transfer to the new Base List. We update the Base List several times throughout the year because people are joining all year long. This list is very confidential and just the officers and base operators have access to the Base List. When new Base Lists are issued, the old Base Lists are shredded. All of our base operators and patrollers have criminal back ground checks done by the Del City Police Department and only those cleared by the Chief of Police are allowed to volunteer.

Well folks, don't miss our next meeting! April 20, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Escape School!

*John Morris
President*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED, PLEASE DO SO ASAP. IF YOU HAVE NOT JOINED, WE CHALLENGE YOU GET INVOLVED. JOIN THE DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION TODAY!

DANWA Street Number Painting

Starting in June and lasting through September, DANWA will be painting street numbers on the curbs. Houses that do not have curbs, we ask that you allow us to paint your house number on the first step of the porch. The numbers will be painted using a black background with white numbers. This will help emergency vehicles and patrollers in identifying addresses. This service will be provided FREE of charge to DANWA members and a charge of \$5.00 for non-members. The Boy Scouts will be assisting with this task; as always, donations are accepted. Please contact us if you want your street number painted on the curb/step by sending a letter to us or call 670-1118 or via email at DANWA.PATROL@JUNO.COM before May 15, 1998. We encourage all members to participate in this effort. If you wish to send us a letter, please mail it to DANWA CURBS, P.O. Box 55558, Del City, Oklahoma 73115.

Reminder: the next general meeting will be held in conjunction with the ESCAPE SCHOOL beginning at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 1998, at the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria. We believe ESCAPE SCHOOL is vital to your family and your children's safety. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

AS OF MAY 1998 Diane Chaney will resign as the writer/editor of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association Defender Newsletter. If you are interested in taking over this rewarding job, please contact Diane Chaney at your earliest convenience at 737-5673.

MEMBERSHIP

Yes, Please renew my membership and update the following information.

 Yes. Please register my household as a member of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association, referred to as DANWA. Our membership is \$12.00 from March 1, 199* to March 1, 199*. In other words, \$1 a month. Here is a breakdown:

March - \$12.00

June - \$9.00

September - \$6.00

December - \$3.00

April - \$11.00

July - \$8.00

October - \$5.00

January - \$2.00

May - \$10.00

August - \$7.00

November - \$4.00

February - \$1.00

Additional contributions will gladly be accepted. Any fees collected in excess of those due will be considered a contribution. Make checks payable to DANWA. Send to DANWA, P.O. Box 55558, Del City, OK 73155.

Name: _____, _____, _____
Last First MI

Address: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Business Phone:** _____

Business Phone:

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Phone:

Comments: _____

“Hello Del Aire! This is Unit 1 and Deputy Dog going 10-8 again!”

In the past month, our watch has gained two new base operators and four new patrollers! One of our patrolers has also volunteered to operate a base unit. This should help to relieve some of the bases and patrollers who have been so dependable through our growing period. A lot of you have operated bases or have patrolled every week for the last three years and you deserve more than my mere thank you. You deserve more than the thanks of the other patrollers and bases. You definitely deserve more than the

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thanks of those people whose homes
you have watched.

Folks, don't take these words of praise as an excuse or a reason to slow down. After three years, you deserve a break. Bases, I will find someone to substitute for you or will fill your spot myself if you need a break. Patrollers, the same goes for you. Just remember, I cannot cover for you both at the same time! This offer is on a first come, first served basis.

We must all work together to keep this neighborhood watch strong and continue its growth. I could not ask for more dedicated people than you and I will work to give you all the support I can.

The correct terminology to describe our neighborhood watch is a that of "team effort." There are no "I's" in T-E-A-M!!

"This is Unit 1 and Deputy Dog
going 10-7!", *Frank Jones,*

Unit One Patrol Captain

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Do you enjoy writing? Would you like to be involved in the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association in a different capacity? As of the May 1998 issue of the Del Aire Defender Newsletter, Diane Chaney be resigning as the writer/editor of this newsletter. If you are interested in taking over in this area, please contact Diane Chaney at 737-5673. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Press Release to all media from Mark A. Edwards, Chief of Police, Del City, Oklahoma

Del City Police Chief Mark Edwards is going to take a more pro-active approach in addressing Animal Control. This spring, the Chief received authorization from the City Council to create a new position for and to hire another full time Animal Control officer to work with our current Animal Control Officer, Thomas Gargrave.

The police department will schedule the new Animal Control Officer to work during the late afternoon and evening hours. One of the Chief's concerns will be to focus on the enforcement of citizens who violate City Ordinance by releasing their animals to run

Crime Stats from January 1, 1998 to March 1, 1998

Facts compiled and supplied by the City of Del City Police Department

Burglaries		
Residential - daytime	1	47xx S.E. 43rd
Residential - time unknown	2	44xx Sunnyslane 47xx Elmview
Attempted Burglaries	1	47xx Elmview
Larcenies		
Bicycles	1	44xx S.E. 41 st
From buildings	1	30xx Del View
From vehicles	2	30xx Del View 40xx Bismarc
Motor Vehicle Thefts		
Automobiles	1	47xx Elmview
Trucks	0	
Other	0	
Robberies		
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Other		
	0	
Vandalism to Vehicles		
	3	48xx S.E. 41 st 46xx S.E. 38 th 47xx Elmview

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and livestock.

Animal Control Officers must be trained to insure that the rights of pet owners are not abused, especially in the area of animal seizure and the enforcement of City Ordinance and State Statutes.

Animal Control personnel are going to begin making "courtesy calls" to each new resident of Del City and give an information packet to insure that citizens become knowledgeable of our animal regulations which will include information regarding permits, vaccinations, and proper confinement of their pets. The police department recently purchased additional animal traps which are issued to citizens who are experiencing problems with stray animals which, by the way, involves more than cats and dogs. The officers receive many requests to deliver traps for a variety of animals such as snakes, coyotes, lizards, squirrels, and skunks, just to mention a few.

If a citizen has a question that is related to Animal Control in Del City, they are encouraged to call the police department and find out if they are in violation. For example:

loose in the neighborhood after the animal's owner returns home from work.

Many citizens are not aware of the many facets and responsibilities that Animal Control Officers must address. These officers have the responsibility to do much more than "catch a dog or cat." They must be responsive to the disposal of abandoned pets, surplus animals, retrieve strays and/or lost animals, and remove diseased animals. They also conduct cruelty and animal bite investigations and enforce the city's animal ordinances in addition to the enforcement of State Statutes regarding domestic animals

an owner of a "pot belly pig" should know that a City Permit is required, that they cannot weigh more than 75 lbs. And cannot be vaccinated for rabies. Another good example: If your pet were to bite someone, the State and County Health officials do not recognize rabies shots as being valid if it was not given by a licensed veterinarian and the animal must be quarantined, if this is the case, for 30 days. If no vaccination is recorded, the animal, in a bite case, can be ordered destroyed and then tested.

Residents who are not responsible pet owners can cause problems for their neighbors when dogs and cats relieve themselves in flower beds and yards or when the neighbor's dog continually barks at all hours of the day and night. These occurrences can be more than a minor source of aggravation. There are, however, other concerns to be addressed and not the least of which is the cost to the tax payers that is incurred because some people are not good pet owners. It requires approximately \$80,000 annually for Del City to maintain our animal population.

Chief Edwards will continue in his efforts to make the public aware of the city's animal control ordinances. We should all remember that the control of animals in any city is important to safeguard the public from health problems, personal safety, and to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods.

The Del City Animal Control program is dedicated to providing quality service to our citizens. If you have any questions, please call Major Phil Taylor at 671-2852. If you are in need of assistance regarding animal control, please call the police department at 677-2443.

Part II Press Release

Statement of Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senate Judiciary Committee, Hearing on "Gangs - A National Crisis."

The Federal Gang Violence Act:

1. Doubles sentences for gang members who commit federal crimes to further the gang's activities, by providing for a six-level enhancement under the Sentencing Guidelines.
2. Makes it a federal offense to engage in a "pattern of criminal gang activity." "Predicate gang crimes" addressed here include witness intimidation, drive-by shootings, and drug dealing. Gangsters who violate this section would be subject to asset forfeiture.

3. Adapts the Travel Act, which was passed in 1961 to address Mafia-type crime, to deal with modern gangs, by adding gang crime such as alien smuggling, witness intimidation, and assault with a deadly weapon to its provisions.

4. Solicitation or recruitment of person into gang activity.

5. Further target gangsters who exploit children by adding a three year mandatory minimum sentence to the existing law against knowingly transferring a firearm for use in a violent crime or drug trafficking crime, where the gun is transferred to a minor.

6. Eliminates mandatory probation for juveniles who illegally possess handguns and equalizes and increases penalties for juveniles and adults who transfer handguns to kids.

7. Adds serious juvenile drug offenses to the Armed Career Criminal Act.

8. Attacks the growing use of body armor by gangsters by establishing a two level sentencing enhancement for wearing body armor in the commission of a federal offense.

9. Adds firearms trafficking violations to the list of crimes that can be attacked by prosecutors under RICO.

10. Provides \$100 million over the next five years for hiring additional federal prosecutors to prosecute violent youth gangs.

Escape School

The following points are emphasized in Escape School, both for children and parents:

BE SMART, NOT SCARED

If you ignore this issue and avoid discussing it, no information is shared. If you try to "educate" children during an ongoing abduction situation (while it's in the news), you will be teaching from fear. The child recognizes this, and the lesson is not well absorbed.

ALL THE RULES CHANGE

—Children need to know they have permission to do certain things in an emergency situation. Certain things that they would not otherwise be able to do. Politeness and acquiescence is not appropriate in an abduction or molestation situation.

TEACH THESE SKILLS IN CONSISTENT, SMALL DOSES

Overloading a child with paranoia is

not effective. Proactive techniques discussed consistently encourages critical thinking, which will benefit children in all areas of their lives. These critical thinking skills will carry over into such situations as drug and alcohol use, gangs, etc.

OUTLINE OF ONE-HOUR SESSION

A one-hour session will include the following:

Discuss an example of stranger identification; reinforce the fact that most people are good; appearance DOES matter; common lure - mail box lure; escape technique (assuming a "successful" lure attempt, demonstrate possible escape techniques [open the door and get out-jump into the back seat, etc.]); and kid hero (highlight a kid who has come up with a good idea, or some other positive acknowledgment.).

We encourage all members and non members of DANWA to bring their children and attend this very important and vital Escape School on April 20, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria. Please set aside this evening to educate yourself and your children on the skills of escaping abduction. You owe it to your children and your family.

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