



Del Aire Defender

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to Traci Schinnerer from the Del City Police Department. She did a *wonderful* job teaching the Escape School April 20, 1998.

There was a very good turn out of parents and children. I want to tell you that the kids had a lot of fun and learned some life saving lessons. If anyone missed the Escape School and you happen to hear of another one coming up, I suggest you make every effort to go with your children. The Escape School is *well worth your time*. I would like to thank everyone who helped us get out the word about the Escape School. You all know who you are. We appreciate the help.

I would like to take this chance to welcome all of the new members to the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association and also a "double thank you" to all those members who have been with the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association going on four years now! Just so you all know, we are here to stay!

Welcome to all of our new base operators and patrollers. See what fun you've been missing out on all this time? We now have seventeen (17) base operators in our one square mile and thirty-six (36) patrollers. **WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT!** Since the first of this year, Frank Jones, our Patrol Captain, has been "busy as a bee." Don't worry Joan, we'll let you have him back in 1999! It takes a lot of volunteers to make a successful neighborhood watch group, so our hats are off to all of you.

We are starting to plan our annual picnic for this year, so keep watch for upcoming bulletins. The picnic is tentatively scheduled for sometime in June. We will let you know as soon as possible.

Please come and join us at our next meeting May 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria. I will see you there!

John Morris, President

I take this opportunity to genuinely thank the officers, patrollers, and members of D.A.N.W.A. for your support over the past year and

half that I have served as the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association newsletter writer/editor. Not only have I gained a wonderful set of friends, but through my involvement in this association, I have also strengthened my pride in this neighborhood and community. As I continue to be involved with D.A.N.W.A. in one capacity or another, I also want to urge you to remain active in this organization as well. If you have not yet become a member of D.A.N.W.A., I compel you to reconsider why that is.

As I pass this torch to our next newsletter writer/editor, Carole Gordon, I challenge her to produce an even more concise and informative publication for the members of the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association. Carole, I hope you find this endeavor as rewarding as I have. Please give her the same support you have given me, after all, we are "neighbors helping neighbors." Fair thee well and godspeed Del Aire!

*Sincerely,
Diane Chaney*

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M e m b e r

Count: As of
April 13, 1998,
there are 567
members of
D.A.N.W.A..

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR
D.A.N.W.A. RENEWAL?
Better go do that right now!**

**D.A.N.W.A. General Meeting
May 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.
Townsend School Cafeteria
Join YOUR Del Aire Neighborhood Watch
Association**

During the months of June, July, and August, D.A.N.W.A. will be holding our meetings at a location *other than* the Townsend Elementary School Cafeteria.

Please see the June issue of this newsletter for details.

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

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

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If you went to the recent Del City 50th Anniversary "pig out" on the lawn behind the United Bank tower, you might have noticed a very eye-pleasing "story board." This story board was designed and constructed by Burt Roulinson. The display depicts a "story" of what the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association is all about through pictures, maps, articles, and other media. The officers and members of D.A.N.W.A. want to thank Burt for his expertise and devotion to this neighborhood watch and for displaying his pride and ours through the development of this story board. We can take the story board with us anywhere as a means of communicating what D.A.N.W.A. is all about. Thank you again Burt for doing such a commendable job!

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Did You Know?

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Crime Stats for March, 1998 compiled and furnished by the Del City Police Department

Burglaries (residential)	3	40xx Vickie 45xx S.E. 33 rd 45xx S.E. 33 rd
Larcenies	1	33xx Holliday
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	47xx Del Porte 48xx Del View
Robberies	0	
Vandalism to Vehicles	3	37xx Wofford 45xx S.E. 33 rd 48xx S.E. 41st
Other	0	

Patrol is vital. It is easy enough to attend meetings, read the newsletter with your morning cup of coffee, stroll through the tents at the annual picnic while munching on a hot dog, pay your annual \$12 membership, display a D.A.N.W.A. sticker, or even donate an afternoon once every spring to help with beautification projects. But this is not what the Del Aire Neighborhood Watch Association revolves around. Without our patrol force, D.A.N.W.A. would not be as effective or have the impact on our one square mile that it has had. Our buttons pop with pride as we take on new patrollers every month. This strengthens your neighborhood watch in unbelievable ways. We must make sure, as an organization, that our patrol force stays ahead of every other effort we have. Our dues are primarily designed to support the patrol force. Other things such as beautification, picnics, and charitable donations are not monetary priority. The D.A.N.W.A. patrol force must have working equipment to function effectively. Each patroller is supplied a CB radio, CB antenna, magnetic stickers, a blinking light, and a uniform shirt, cap, and badge. As we consider allocation of funds, let's make sure we concentrate on keeping the patrol

force well suited. Thank you patrollers for your faithful allegiance and for being "neighbors helping neighbors."

Community Policing

As a neighborhood watch group, our efforts are sometimes interpreted as "community policing" and in all likelihood, this could be an accurate analysis. Following are some important features of **community policing**: citizens nominating problems and working with the police department; long-term assignment of officers in defined areas of the community; full service policing; community police officers actively working with non-law enforcement teams; and long-term evaluation of problem solving. Crime is a complex social problem that cannot be solved by any single agency. When we recognize the complexity of the crime problem, we also acknowledge the police are not solely responsibility for its solution. We realize it would be unfair to hold an individual officer, or even a police department, responsible for the crime rate. We are then confronted with a dilemma as to where responsibility should be assigned. Unfortunately, the traditional

approach to crime control invests all anti-crime efforts in the police. **Community policing** seeks to address crime without being overwhelmed by the effort. The crime problem is de-constructed into manageable pieces. By narrowing the approach, trouble spots can be identified and problem-solving progress measured. Officers work with, rather than against, the public. They develop relationships with community members and become accountable to the community, as well as to their departments. As officers address problems of social and physical disorder, criminogenic conditions diminish. The cumulative effect of improving quality-of-life in the community reduces the levels of crime. In the process, the police become more effective crime-fighters. **Community policing** advocates embracing some of these goals. Police actions rarely have a cause-and-effect relationship on the level of crime. The police are merely a part of the crime-fighting process. We should think of the police as tools. Tools are useful instruments utilized in accomplishing goals and objectives. The quality of the tool is important only in the context of other necessary materials. Merely purchasing an expensive hammer is no guarantee you will build a quality house. The tools and resource materials must be skillfully used together to produce quality results. **Community policing** taps community resources to share crime control efforts. **Community policing** is designed to make crime control a collaborative effort. When properly implemented, **community policing** seeks to enhance crime control by engaging more powerful social control mechanisms.

Community policing has proven to have long-term effects on crime. 98% of people surveyed in over 500 communities nation-wide, where there is active **community policing** occurring, say their program addresses serious crime, the fear of crime, and low-level drug dealing.

decreased since implementing **community policing**; 59.5 % report less serious crime has decreased since the implementation of **community policing**; 79.5 % report that the fear of crime has decreased since implementation; 77.3 % report street-level drug dealing has decreased since implementing **community policing**; 73.3 % report social disorder has decreased since **community policing** was implemented; and 82.4 % report physical disorder has decreased since implementing **community policing**.

What is the essence of community policing? Levels of crime diminish as quality-of-life in the community improves.

What are the benefits of community policing? The fear of crime is reduced and quality-of-life is improved and the police force becomes more accountable and effective.



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National Night Out, Aug 4, 1998

On Tuesday, August 4, 1998, neighborhoods throughout Del City are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "15th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime/drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored

Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Del City Police Department, will involve over 9,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. In all, over 30 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" on August 4, 1998. NNO 1998 is also supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NNO is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 4, 1998, residents in neighborhoods throughout Del City and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Del City will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anticrime and drug rallies.

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