



# Del Aire Defender

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## **From your President:**

Hello everyone.

As the newly elected DANWA President, I would like to introduce myself. My name is James Standfill. I have lived in Del City all my life. I attended Del City schools, graduating from Del City High School in 1965. I became a DANWA patroller two years ago after retiring, as a way to help our community and help keep our neighborhood a safer place to live. You may have seen my wife and I driving around the neighborhood in our old faithful green Dodge, which we will still be doing. So, if you have any questions or ideas, flag us down, call me, e-mail me or come to the membership meeting. My phone number and e-mail address are listed in the newsletter. That said; I would like to thank everyone for their support of the neighborhood watch.

At this month's membership meeting, we installed the new Officers. We do not have a Secretary to fill that position but we are still looking for someone. If anyone is interested, please contact any of the Officers. I would like to thank the former Officers for the fine job they all have done with the organization during their terms in office.

Also at this month's meeting, the membership voted on and approved money to be set aside for the Patrol Captain to purchase equipment as needed; money to purchase shirts for the new officers and the purchase of membership renewal forms. The forms will go out in this newsletter for membership renewal which starts March 1st. Membership period is from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The cost is only \$12.00 for the entire year! If you are a returning member, were glad to have you back. If you are not now a member, we would love to have you as one.

The last item voted on was to contribute to the purchase of a banner with the other Watch Groups in Del City. The banner will be 3' x 6' and have the emblems all the watch groups placed on it. The banner is to be sent to the Oklahoma National Guard Unit that the city has adopted. That unit is the 1345<sup>th</sup> Transportation Unit which is currently stationed in Iraq. This is a show of support for the unit. The proceeds from this banner and those sold to city businesses will be put into a fund to assist the families of unit members with shipping packages to Iraq.

The last item from the meeting is the door prize winner. Congratulations to Linda Wilkerson!

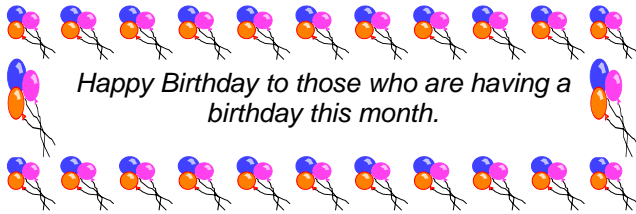
In the upcoming meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM., we will be reviewing changes to the Patrollers Handbook and Mike Hucks will be talking about the Red Cross Volunteer program. See elsewhere in this newsletter for additional information. He will also be bringing one of their support vehicles for everyone to look through. The place will be the Calvary Christian Church annex, north of the main building, at 38<sup>th</sup> & Epperly Dr. Hope to see you then.

*James Standfill* email: danwapres@flash.net phone 677-2333

**Help keep our neighborhood safe. Report any suspicious activity to the Del City Police 677-2443.**

**Don't be afraid to call, you may remain anonymous.**

**More information** - the neighborhood watches in and around Del City have been instrumental in assisting the police by being the eyes and ears and have helped apprehend some criminals and would-be criminals over the past years. So keep your eyes and ears open, your information DOES help.



*Happy Birthday to those who are having a birthday this month.*

### Dates to remember:

1. DANWA General Meeting will be at Calvary Christian Church in the annex just north of the church, 3900 Epperly Dr. at 7:00 pm, second Monday of the month.
2. CERT General Training Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del City Community Center, second Tuesday of the month.
3. Patrol Meeting, at 7:00 pm, Del City Court-house, third Thursday of the month.

## Need Block Captains for:

37th Street from Epperly to Vickie,  
Call Ron 677-7923 for details.

Vickie Dr. from 37th to 44th street,  
Call Jim 677-5044 for details.

Monclair Rd. from Bismark to Oakbrook

Call Yvonne 670-3971 for details.

Good exercise once a month.



## DANWA area Crime Statistics for December 2006

### Vandalism August = 27

42xx Angela Dr.	12/30/06	11:11
47xx Woodview Dr.	12/29/06	15:04
48xx Newport Dr.	12/29/06	14:27
52xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup>	12/29/06	12:14
40xx Angela Dr.	12/29/06	11:09
47xx Woodview Dr.	12/29/06	10:26
47xx Newport Dr.	12/29/06	09:39
47xx Ridgeway Dr.	12/29/06	09:24
30xx Vickie Dr.	12/29/06	08:53
42xx Vickie Dr.	12/29/06	08:38
43xx Vickie Dr.	12/29/06	08:34
42xx Epperly Dr.	12/29/06	08:25
42xx Epperly Dr.	12/29/06	08:21
42xx Epperly Dr.	12/29/06	07:54
42xx Epperly Dr.	12/29/06	07:41
42xx Lamar Dr.	12/29/06	07:33
47xx Woodview Dr.	12/29/06	06:28
44xx SE39th	12/29/06	05:38
42xx Vickie Dr.	12/29/06	03:42
42xx Kim Dr.	12/29/06	01:53
44xx SE 43 <sup>rd</sup>	12/28/06	18:56
43xx SE 38 <sup>th</sup>	12/20/06	19:42
51xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup>	12/16/06	20:37
48xx Del View Dr.	12/13/06	19:40
44xx SE 41 <sup>st</sup>	12/12/06	20:49
47xx SE 41 <sup>st</sup>	12/12/06	08:42
47xx Del Aire Dr.	12/10/06	14:11

### Larceny =6

43xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup>	12/30/06	21:49
47xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup>	12/22/06	22:59
48xx Kristie Dr.	12/19/06	15:43
47xx Ridgeway Dr.	12/18/06	08:23
52xx SE 29 <sup>th</sup>	12/08/06	20:12
40xx Epperly Dr.	12/08/06	10:37

### Residential Burglary =1

44xx SE 38 <sup>th</sup>	12/27/06	23:35
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### Stolen Vehicle = 2

44xx Sunnyslane Rd.	12/27/06	20:55
47xx Princess Ln.	12/10/06	09:06

### Auto Burglary = 2

47xx Meench Dr.	12/06/06	16:05
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### Parking Complaint = 2

44xx SE 38 <sup>th</sup>	12/27/06	23:46
48xx SE 41 <sup>st</sup>	12/13/06	18:02



### From the Desk of the Patrol Captain

Note the crime stats on the second page, I am sure we will have further reports from our Patrol Captain.

DANWA lost one of its patrollers and base unit operators last month, Unit 60, Joan Jones. Joan was also our past assistant Treasurer. Joan spent many hours working for and with DANWA members and officers and will certainly be missed.

### Recycling magazines and newspapers !!!

A little tidbit about the paper recycling bins in front of Townsend. The paper company pays for the paper collected, something like \$5. a ton. Those bins hold about a ton. **HELP US TO KEEP FILLING THEM.**

The money collected from this project goes to the general fund which helps buy students text books, paper, staples, backpacks, many needed things that some cannot purchase on their own. Further, this collections nets about \$1000 a year. That doesn't really go a long way when you think of the cost of many of these items. I am sure I missed some of the things it helps pay for but the main thing is that you know it goes to help the students so help us help them by recycling paper..... ed



Don't forget to recycle your papers, newspapers, etc. in the dumpsters in front of Townsend School on Epperly

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**As you slide down the  
banister of life, may the  
splinters never point the  
wrong way.**

**Highlights from January 8, 2007 Meeting**

**As of this time we still need to fill the position of Secretary.**

NO Secretary

NO highlights.

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All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

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I was in the express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

## Come see the American Red Cross information being presented this month

Hi Neighbors,

It's been a while since I've put a letter in your newsletter and I thought I would write and let you know about the coming membership meeting. I've been very active in DANWA in the past and now I want to tell you what I've been up to lately. DANWA has invited the American Red Cross to come to your membership meeting this month and talk to you about our disaster team.

As with DANWA, I have taken a leadership role in their disaster team and now serve as their Team Leader. I have been a volunteer with the Red Cross for 4 ½ years now and love it. I have responded to 282 single-family fires and over 60 multi-family fires. That's a lot of families I have helped make sure they have a place to stay, food, clothing and other needs are met after a fire. It feels great helping those that have lost everything and are starting over. Sometimes it's hard to see when very young children or older adults are involved but we are there to meet their immediate emergency needs.

In early December, we had that big winter storm and unfortunately Del City had two house fires. The roads were a mess with ice and snow and although I could get to the fire within 10 minutes, our other volunteers had to brave the roads and come from across town to help our neighbors. And that is why we are getting the word out about how the American Red Cross disaster team is there for even a small single-family fire. I'll like to see more people in Del City and Midwest City get involved with our team so we can take care of our neighbors without waiting for help to arrive from across town.

We always write about being ready for disasters, DANWA took an active role when they started the storm shelter program and purchased the equipment to make that program possible. Training and knowing how to help people is what our team is about. We are there for the Police, Fire Fighters, and those helping like Del City CERT/Watch Groups and especially those affected by the disaster.

So I invite you all to come to the meeting and take a look at one of our response trucks and see if you would like to help your neighbors like I do. If you can't be at the DANWA membership meeting then I invite you to join us during our team meetings at the Red Cross chapter right off Lincoln Blvd between NE 4<sup>th</sup> and NE 8<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting time is every Thursday at 5:30pm. Call 228-9500 for more information.

Mike Hucks

DAT Team Leader

For more information about your local American Red Cross go to: [www.okc.redcross.org](http://www.okc.redcross.org) There you will find information about training classes and our current volunteer needs if the disaster team is not for you. All disaster training is free of charge.

To take our Introduction to Disaster Course online go to: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) Click Disaster Service at top left of menu





## Concerned Citizen corner

### Do you use a cell phone or does your pet ride in your lap while you drive?

Cell phone use and driving is dangerous. Reports indicate that not only does it cause accidents as shown in this California example. In 2001, "at least 4,699 reported accidents were blamed on drivers using cell phones, and those crashes killed 31 people and injured 2,786. It also causes "Road Rage" Drivers talking on cell phones were 18 percent slower to react to brake lights. In a minor bright note, they also kept a 12 percent greater following distance. But they also took 17 percent longer to regain the speed they lost when they braked. That frustrates everyone. Once drivers on cell phones hit the brakes, it takes them longer to get back into the normal flow of traffic. The net result is they are impeding the overall flow of traffic. In 2003 a study revealed, Drivers look but don't see, because they're distracted by the conversation. Scientists also found that chatty motorists are less adept than drunken drivers with blood alcohol levels exceeding 0.08. Separate research last year at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign supported the conclusion that hands-free cell phone use causes driver distraction.

"With younger adults, everything got worse," said Arthur Kramer, who led the Illinois study. "Both young adults and older adults tended to show deficits in performance. They made more errors in detecting important changes and they took longer to react to the changes."

The impaired reactions involved seconds, not just fractions of a second, so stopping distances increased by car-lengths.

The latest study used high-tech simulators. It included people aged 18 to 25 and another group aged 65 to 74. Elderly drivers were slower to react when talking on the phone, too.

The simulations uncovered a twofold increase in the number of rear-end collisions by drivers using cell phones.

Older drivers seem to be more cautious overall, however.

Older drivers were slightly less likely to get into accidents than younger drivers. They tend to have a greater following distance. Their reactions are impaired, but they are driving so cautiously they were less likely to smash into somebody. But in real life, he added, older drivers are significantly more likely to be rear-ended because of their slow speed. Cell phone use and a pet riding in your lap while you are driving fall into nearly the same category, you are not giving your full attention to your task at hand. I have nearly been hit three time's in the last week, by people driving using a cell phone or a pet in their lap while driving. This was inside the square mile that is covered by DANWA. I'm just asking each of you to think about what is going on around you. Thanks for being a friend and neighbor.

A concerned citizen J Hendricks.

## Scout Corner

Hello DANWA.

Well we made it through the Christmas season and we have a lot of interesting things in the future.

If you did not hear by now, one of our Scouts, Cory, is credited with saving his families life over the Christmas break when his Grandfathers house caught on fire. By accounts heard, he heard the crackling of fire and woke everyone up and got them all to safety outside. He is 12 years old. Was it instinct or was it a little bit of scout training that helped?

By the time you read this we will have camped at Tiger Safari in Tuttle OK. They have all sorts of animals on exhibit there and they welcome youth groups to come and learn about the animals. They also have an overnight camping program where you sleep in a full size Indian tepee and work with the employees around the park. We will have some pictures next month.

Some other things going on are we are starting to plan for our summer trek to the Illinois River for a 2-day canoe trip in Jun, swimming meet, Memorial Day parade, and a big centennial campout in Sept. at Ft Sill where they are planning for thousands of scouts to converge for the weekend for the event.

If your son is interested in joining, call me. You can also see us at the DANWA monthly meetings.

We want to thank all of you that are helping us by collecting aluminum cans. Each bag helps lets these scouts learn, have fun and hopefully become model citizens in the community.

If you have cans please drop them off at my place or call 672-0633 and I will pick them up.

