



Off-Duty

Sheriff

Patrol Program

Since 2007, the **Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association** has sponsored a neighborhood security program through contracting with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department for use of off-duty sheriff deputies to patrol our neighborhood. A vast majority of the neighbors participate every year in this highly successful program. The off-duty sheriffs have consistently demonstrated conscientious, reliable, and concerned service for the residents of Arden Oaks plus the adjoining area east of Cathay Road, referred to as Arden Oaks East.

The program consists of off-duty deputies who patrol the neighborhood year-round. In general, they work four- to six-hour shifts, seven days a week at randomly assigned times of the day, with increased patrolling during the holiday season. During these shifts, the officers drive through the neighborhood, respond to neighbors' concerns, check on suspicious activity, and if necessary, issue traffic tickets or make arrests. Dressed in standard sheriff's uniform, the deputies drive sheriff patrol vehicles complete with a computer, radio, video, and weaponry.

To support the security patrol program, AONA requests a **\$250 semi-annual contribution** (twice yearly) from all households in Arden Oaks and Arden Oaks East. Many residents generously contribute more than the requested amount.

The benefits of contributing to the program include:

- 1) Increased patrol hours, since the number of hours of the weekly patrols is determined by the level of contributions. More contributions means more patrolling. The success of this program is entirely dependent upon a substantial number of neighbors working together.
- 2) Access to the email address and phone number of the patrol car on duty, which you can use as needed for security concerns.
- 3) Timely email alerts of any security problems, crimes committed, or arrests that we hear about in Arden Oaks.
- 4) Peace of mind knowing that you are doing something extra to protect your family, property, and neighborhood.

In addition, *only* participating households have the ability to request vacation checks by the sheriff patrols. You can phone or email the officers to notify them when you are on

vacation, and the deputies will walk around your property, check for any problems, and call you or your designee if any problem is noted during that time.