



Annual Neighborhood Watch (NW) Meeting Summary.

21st May 2023

Potential RHR neighbors authorized to attend is 1650 plus Family Members.
Approx 80 neighbors attended. Largest attendance in our history.



NW Captain of RHR, Don Miller “kicked off” the gathering by congratulating all neighbors in RHR for receiving an award of recognition from the City of Chula Vista Mayor John McCann for our overall NW program excellence.

Tyler Miller and Don Miller accepted the award in 2022 on behalf of all RHR neighbors.

Chula Vista Police Officer Rante, and the Mayor of Chula Vista, John McCann were introduced.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch concept was reviewed and all were reminded that everyone who lives in RHR is automatically part of the NW Concept unless they chose not to be.

No need to sign up and provide address, phone, and email. However, if you wish to provide your demographics, text Don at 619 857 7566 or Tyler Miller at 619 361 5574.

We do have a master NW list of demographics from over 200 neighbors to be used for emergencies or critical NW info only. The information is kept confidential.

A list of methods to secure homes was provided.

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Tyler Miller, Co-Captain of RHR NW was introduced and asked to take over the meeting to report NW progress.

Tyler Miller has been working on Neighborhood issues and concerns with the City of Chula Vista, almost every day for the last year working alongside with City Council, Mayor, Fire & Police Department and Traffic Engineers.

The audience applauded Tyler for all his hard work & continuous efforts within the community.

Note - FYI, Tyler provides continuous and ongoing, safety and criminal activity updates daily on the Nextdoor & Townsq App as well as Facebook and our Personal Neighborhood Website created by Tyler.

Tyler Millers report:

1. Happy to report that after working directly with the city of Chula Vista, we have their attention and cooperation. By doing various studies, the city discovered that RHR and immediate areas are missing many traffic signs and upgrades that should be present. To replace all the missing signs will take some time. In the meantime, the following work was completed by the city. Installed (4) 25 mph signs, and 2 missing playground signs. Updated the Lane and Stop light situation at the intersection of Old Trail Drive and Proctor Valley Road. Repaired & leveled some of the sidewalks including repainting red "Fire Lane" curbs within the neighborhood. Also, the city concluded several traffic studies that had been in progress for some time. Findings: RHR was "branded" an area that needs help from the city for various sign, traffic and speeding issues. While the speed limit is 25 MPH, the average speed is about 35+ mph. This means that some people are traveling upwards of 40 - 45 mph.

2. Since January 1st, 2023. 63 citations have been issued for speeding or running red lights, and or stop signs. 2 vehicles were impounded. 4 occasions of illegal Immigrant smuggling. 2 or more home invasions, 2 pursuits, 19 vehicle accidents with paramedics involved, 1 home fire, 2 vehicle fires & 1 vegetation fire.

3. The above incidents may be understated because some issues go unreported. Ex: "Fender Benders".

4. The CVPD has received approx 50 "Calls for Service" from Rolling Hills Ranch.

Tyler thanked Mayor John McCann, and the city of Chula Vista for all their continued support and efforts.

Tyler also thanked Officer Rante with CVPD as well as the entire CVPD for their continuous and ongoing support and assistance. (The CVPD sponsors NW)

Everyone was reminded that the CVPD continues to be 20 to 30 officers short.

Everyone was also reminded that 911 is for life-or-death situations. And that the 619 691 5151 is the police number for NON-life or death situations such as, unknown vehicle with 2 suspicious individuals, parked in front of your house. While they are legally parked you feel very concerned.

Furthermore, everyone was reminded that the secret to NW success is neighbors sharing their cell phone numbers with their immediate neighbors.

For routine police calls the police will respond, unless they are busy with 911 calls, car accidents, fires, or other activity considered urgent. Remember they are understaffed and spread thin.

If the CVPD appears to be busy, you may call your NW Captain Don Miller at 619 857 7566 or Co-Captain & Lead Tyler Miller at 619 361 5574. They may have ideas to help because Neighborhood Watch leaders work closely with the CVPD on an ongoing basis.

Note - it appears that criminals are teaming up to improve their success rate. That is, one criminal goes ahead and studies our homes, to include possibly knocking on the front door. Then the one advanced criminal calls a team member with his/her findings. If it appears safe for them to enter the home, the criminals may do so.

The only way to counter this criminal teamwork concept is for neighbors to team up as well. You are teaming up when you exchange your cell phone numbers with your immediate neighbors. In addition, you may take advantage of any support and advice offered by your Neighborhood Watch leaders.

Officer Rante also actively answered questions from the group.

Key outcome: If the HOA does what is necessary to enable RHR to post no trespassing signs at the pools, the CVPD can assist RHR with pool intruders after hours.

Many questions were asked and answered.

Everyone really enjoyed Officer Rante.

Tyler closed the Meeting by inviting Mayor John McCann up to speak and give any final thoughts to the group as well as answer any final questions anyone had.

Tyler Miller and Don Miller adjourned the gathering at 4 PM on the 21st of May 2023.

Neighbors who wish to donate funds towards meeting expenses (\$500 per major meeting) are encouraged to do so, Please contact NW leaders, phone numbers provided below to donate.

We hope to see you at our Semi Annual or Annual NW Meeting.

Questions: Don 619 857 7566 or Tyler Miller at 619 361 5574.

How to Secure your Home.

These tips are directly from CVPD.

- 1) Powerful key and very important tip, directly from CVPD. **Never get complacent.** As soon as we get complacent, we could become a target and become victims. If one of us becomes a victim because we got complacent, it does affect others in the community because the thieves will make note, that maybe this is a nice easy neighborhood to rob. Then they come back and hit someone else. Our goal should be to always be a hard target.
- 2) Always keep cars locked. ALWAYS
- 3) NEVER leave anything in the car whether it's locked or unlocked.
- 4) Park vehicles in the garage if possible. But remember to lock the car even when in the garage.

At this time, criminals are going after our Catalytic Converters, and even punching a hole in the gas tank and stealing the gas. The problem is that the cost to repair our vehicles after the break-in can be thousands of dollars.

5) Keep your house well lit. Porch light on at night. Doors are always locked.

6) Light inside the house on a timer if you are out for days at a time.

7) No soliciting signs can be helpful. Of course, the exception could be girl scout cookies and school fund raisers. Up to you.

8) Keep talking and networking with your neighbors. Exchange cell phone numbers with immediate neighbors. Note this is one of the key parts of the NW concept.

9) Communicate & Team up with your neighbors.

10) Avoid leaving garage open too long. Criminals are always looking.

11) Install video cameras.

12) **Super Important Tip:** The CVPD requests that we be good witnesses and be prepared to provide lots of details when we call them.