



Security Patrol Program

Since 2007, the **Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association** has sponsored a neighborhood security program through contracting with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for use of off-duty sheriff deputies to patrol our neighborhood. In 2024, this program was augmented with a private security firm to conduct the security patrols when off-duty sheriff deputies are not available. This highly successful program is funded entirely through bi-annual contributions from a vast majority of the neighbors.

The program aims to provide security patrol coverage seven days a week year-round. In general, the patrols monitor the neighborhood anywhere from two- to five-hours per day, with patrols occurring at randomly assigned times of the day and with an increase in patrol hours between Thanksgiving and New Years Day. During patrol shifts, the deputies or private security staff drive all the streets in Arden Oaks between Watt and Eastern Avenues. They also respond to neighbors' concerns, check on suspicious activity, and conduct walk-throughs of Windemere Park and the playground area. When the off-duty sheriff deputies are on patrol, they drive fully-equipped sheriff patrols vehicles and are dressed in standard sheriff's uniform; if necessary, they issue traffic tickets or warnings, or make arrests. The private security staff drive clearly marked vehicles and can communicate with the sheriff's office as necessary. Both the off-duty sheriffs and private security patrols welcome discussion with the residents, and they have demonstrated conscientious, reliable, and concerned service for Arden Oaks.

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

The benefits of participating in the security 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) Residents who contribute to the program can 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.
- 3) Peace of mind knowing that you are doing something extra to protect your family, property, and neighborhood.