

LAKE ARROWHEAD

CRIME WATCH MEETING MINUTES 013126:

There were 35 or more people present at the meeting/potluck.

Char suggested a report to Mason County Sheriff's Sargent Rangel once per week on crime in Lake Arrowhead. (this will need more discussion). Rangel said that MCSO staff are sparse, therefore community/crime watch is an important part in keeping crime down in our community. Rangel mentioned that real-time, phone apps, information flow is more efficient. Tifm will follow up to see if he has any recommendations on phone apps and such.

Mike D suggested we combine Star Lake and Lake Arrowhead for crime watch meetings (I have reached out to Star Lake Community and am waiting to hear back. – Tifm). Mike D also mentioned the Lake Arrowhead Facebook Group is a powerful source to share suspicious activity and to help our neighbors keep watch. Srgt Rangel confirmed that a community facebook page is quite powerful. Please also report in progress crimes to 911 and crimes that have already occurred to the non-emergency line.

It was discussed to always try to get a vehicle license plate if safe to do so. This allows law enforcement to search for a license plate using FLOCK cameras. Also, many community members have cameras that can be used, if homeowner approves, to confirm vehicles/license plates were seen in area at time of crime. Take a photo of the vehicle and license plate if you can. Brenda asked what a FLOCK camera cost. Srgt Rangel said he would find the answer and get back to us.

Mike D mentioned the positive effects of having solar yard/streetlights. They are low cost and you can get motion activated lights as well.

Jeremy F asked Srgt Rangel if we (Mason County) have a lot of violent crime. Rangel said violent crime is up, but arrests are up 46% so that may be due to the increase in arrests. For example, "use of force", is considered a violent crime.

Ron & Char, Mike D and Srgt Rangel discussed trespassing issues and target practicing/poaching on Port Blakely property. Foot traffic is legal. There were some questions about whether it is legal to shoot on Port Blakely property and who to report to (Port Blakely or Mason County Sheriff). If there is a question on whether someone is shooting (target practicing) safely, that is a call to the Mason County Sheriff's Office. Deputies will simply verify that they are using a valid back drop or not. If it's a poaching issue, that is the Department of Fish and Wildlife. If a wildlife sighting, Fish and Wildlife. Unless imminent danger, call 911 and the closest units come when there is threat to life. Jeremy (F or H?) advised that it is legal to shoot on Green Diamond property if you have a valid permit.

Further discussion about trespass issues: Post your property with no trespassing signs. You can also have a person formally/permanently/temporarily trespassed from your property. If they, then, come on your property with intent to commit a crime, you may have leverage w/the courts to prosecute. Fences keep people off your property. Neighborhoods with barking dogs deter criminals due to the dogs barking and people start looking at

what's out there. Consider motion lights. Remove bricks and rocks from nearby your glass windows. Secure windows and doors more thoroughly (double/triple locks, dead bolts). You can also purchase security film for windows to make them more difficult to break. Dick L suggested laminate between panes of glass for similar protection. Brenda S mentioned they have driveway beams that go off when cars pass by.

Konrad/Brenda S asked for some Do's/Don'ts: Try to get a description of the person if you can safely do so. Same for any vehicles and a license plate or distinguishing characteristics. IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

Char R asked when are fireworks legal? <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/>

I think it was Peter H who brought up drug activity. If you suspect drug activity, report it to the dispatch center. Try to get descriptions of vehicles, license plates, and the last known direction of travel. This is a call that can be reported to our non-emergency line (unless life, property or the environment is in immediate danger).

Brenda S brought up mail theft. It was suggested to try a locking mailbox or rent a post office box. Mail theft is an ongoing issue in all of Mason County. If you suspect someone of stealing mail, again try to get a vehicle description and license plate if safe to do so and last known direction of travel.

Added by Tifm 020126: if anyone wants to sit-in at Mason County 911, please email admin@macecom.org or call 360 426 4441. Mason County 911 is open 24x7, 365 days a year.

Volunteers to drive around the community as part of the community/crime watch program:

- Dick Lamphere
- Jim Coble
- Mike Valentine
- Kyle Pierson
- Ron Rinehart
- Konrad Shaw
- Mike Delano
- Jack Morgan

To those who could not make the meeting on 1/31/26, please be aware of these neighbors who will be driving around our community at all hours of the day/night. Please get to know them and become familiar with their vehicles.

LINKS TO TOPICS THAT WERE DISCUSSED:

[Mobile Integrated Health Program \(MIHP\)](#)

[Mason County Co-responder Program](#)

[Flock Cameras](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

[Mason County Sheriff's Office Services](#)

[Internet Crime Complaint Center](#)

[Mason County Sheriff's Office Online Reporting](#) or call 833 314 1357 to have the link sent to your smartphone

[NEXTDOOR](#)

[National Neighborhood Watch](#)

Federal Trade Commission – [Scam Alerts](#)