

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Saturday 10/10/26 1400-1600

Lieutenant Severance with the Mason County Sheriffs Office (MCSO) and Assistant Chief Tami Donovan

Mason County Department of Emergency Management is integrating with MCSO starting Jan 1st, 2027.

Lt Severance is in charge of community outreach. He leads a team of three staff who handle community outreach, which includes neighborhood watch. This also includes the Sheriffs Enforcement Team (SET) which functions as the department's first proactive crime unit, bridging the gap between an overworked patrol division and detectives occupied with major cases. Lt Severance also oversees the DARE program.

MCSO Deputy White is Pioneer Schools dedicated resource officer
MCSO Deputy Colbenson is the states DARE coordinator and MCSO's Public Information Officer (PIO)
MCSO Deputy Iversen will be the main contact for all of Mason County's Neighborhood Watch groups

Lt Severance advises that the Lake Arrowhead community can help by providing intelligence on problems/problem areas in our community. MCSO may not be able to act on every tip, but the tips that do come in can help them form an idea of what is going on and possibly take some proactive steps. Lt Severance encourages community members to email concerns, just please do not expect a reply or action taken on every email you send. Please do send them, however, as they are helpful. He will be setting up an email in the near future where Lake Arrowhead (as well as other communities) can email their concerns to MCSO. For now, LT Severance says you can use his email until he gets the other one set up. His email is TSEVERANCE@MASONCOUNTYWA.GOV.

Lt Severance encourages all to follow the MCSO's social media pages. Deputy Colbenson is excellent at keeping the citizens up-to-date via these methods. Please share this information to the Lake Arrowhead Community's Facebook page or have the Lake Arrowhead Community Facebook page Admin follow MCSO's page.

The MCSO's Community Outreach team looks forward to visiting our future Neighborhood Watch meetings every quarter (January, April, July and October). They can bring a K9, talk about preparedness, the SET team and the CORE team (sorry I don't have what CORE stands for at this time). They can also discuss their drones and usage, etc.

Tami with Fire District 13 stated the fire department rating people were out. They come out every five years and the rating they provide affects our insurance rates. Tami counted 31 hydrants in the Lake Arrowhead area. Not sure if that's all of them but the flow from the hydrants she has interacted with is amazing compared to years past.

Tami wanted folks to know that the hydrants are maintained and overseen by Mason County PUD1-the agency we pay for our water utility. The fire department does not test, flush or maintain any of the Lake Arrowhead

hydrants. If you see a leak or problem notify PUD1 at 360 877 5249 or via their website contact page at <https://mason-pud1.org/contact-us/> (good luck, however, I-Tif Morrison-have never received any correspondence back when I made an online inquiry).

Tami would also like everyone to be aware that some insurance companies are choosing to not renew homeowners insurance policies in the 98584 (and possibly surrounding) zip codes due to increased wildfire risk. There are youtube videos covering this more in depth. I found this one:
<https://youtu.be/y3dS7yCyess>

Also, Mason County Fire Protection District 13 is up for an EMS Levee Renewal in February of 2027. She hopes you will vote YES to keep our current EMS coverage in our fire department.

Our next meeting will be in January 2027. Date to follow and hope to see you there.