

Safety Meeting with Liaison Officer

The HOA Board invited and met with Officer Trent Dow who is our Liaison Officer to ask for information and advice about the increase in crime we are experiencing. The meeting aimed to gather information on what is happening in our area and recommendations.

1. Officer Dow shared that there are 2 assigned officers to Northeast Tacoma, to include the tide-flats. They cover 3 shifts in total:

1st Shift	5 am - 3 pm
Swing Shift	1 - 11 pm
Graveyard shift	8 pm - 6 am

2. Officer Dow recommended homeowners consider the following items as ways to be proactive about deterring crime.
 - a. Install ample lighting, such as flood lights with motion sensors as that helps deters criminals.
 - b. Install security cameras which are also useful and can be used as evidence.
 - c. Parking cars closer to your home to help deter break-ins, ie) on driveways. Cars parked further from the house are appealing to criminals as it's an easier target to break into. If your car is parked on your driveway it forces someone to come onto your property and that can lean onto the law of trespassing should anything happen. Walking onto a driveway is deliberate and can be used against a criminal since they don't have a reason to be on your property.
3. How do we get our incidents reported? Use 911 for emergencies. For non-emergency needs use [tacomasaferg.org](https://www.tacomasaferg.org) or 253-798-4721 to report incidents.
 - a. Officer Dow shared that calls are constantly prioritized based on severity.
 - b. NE Tacoma is lucky as there are lower types of crimes happening in our area, from what Tacoma has in general.

We hope to have Officer Dow join our 2023 Annual Homeowner's Meeting.