

Cascades Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

April, 2017



Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of the Cascades Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.

Porch Thefts

As the number home deliveries continue to increase so do the number of porch thefts.

There was a time when most home deliveries required a signature.

Today signatures are the exception instead of the rule.

As result the number of thefts from porches has dramatically increased.

Some thieves have been some bold as to follow the delivery trucks (UPS, Fedex, Amazon, etc.) and stealing the deliveries shortly after they are delivered.

What can we do to reduce porch thefts?

- Try to arrange deliveries while you will be home.
- If you can't be home, ask a neighbor who will be home to watch for your delivery and pick it up until you are home.
- Use services such as Amazon's "locker."
- Watch for suspicious persons following delivery vehicles or "scouting" for packages on porches.

Garage Doors

Open garage doors are an invitation for thieves.

Garages are usually relatively dark and filled with various large items, which provide an excellent environment for a thief to work without being seen.

Many expensive items such as tools are stored in garages.

Most garages offer access to the living areas of the house.

Some thieves look for neighborhoods with open garage doors and then target those neighborhoods for burglaries.

Bottom line: Don't leave your garage doors open.

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Citizen Patrol Activities



We now have three Citizen Patrol cars.

Since the first of the year, we have been trying to find and document all the graffiti within the city. The last time I checked we had documented 65 instances of graffiti. Most of them were on utility boxes.

We are forwarding these graffiti reports to code enforcement.

Solicitor Permit

It's storm season And with the storms comes hail damage, which in turn brings home repair solicitors.

Don't forget that any solicitor who knocks on your door must have a solicitor's permit prominently displayed. A picture with their name and dates issued must be visible.

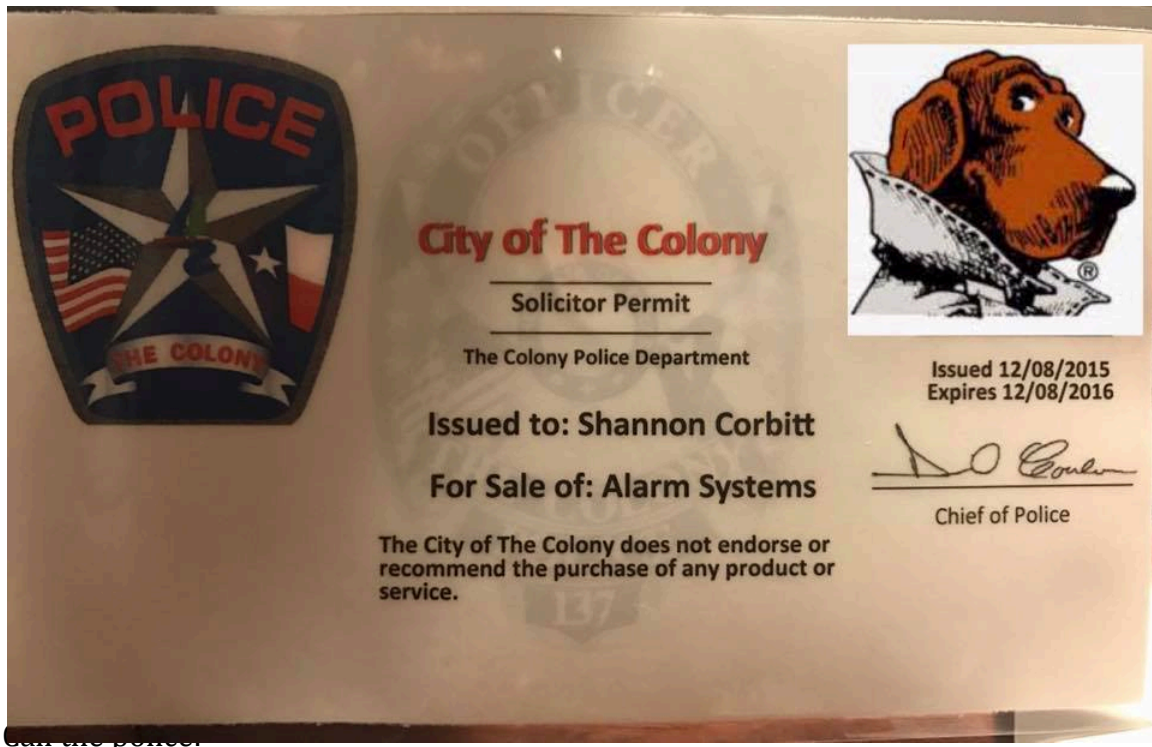
If you see a solicitor in the area without a permit, please contact the police department non-emergency number at 972-625-1887.

This pertains to anyone that is trying to solicit any services for compensation.

If they don't have one of these

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Siri Prank

Have you seen posts on social media telling you to say “Siri, 108” into your iPhone?

Don't do it!

In some locations dialing 108 is the equivalent of dialing 911 in the U.S. or 112 in the European Union.

Siri interprets 108 as a request of emergency services and dials the appropriate emergency number for your geographic area.

In other words it dials 911.

Truck Owner Tip

A few years ago I had the tailgate stolen off of my truck.

As I was browsing through some of the TCPD YouTube videos I found this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9FSjd3Cp8M&index=9&list=PLmdDnk3z4YT2SFt7mLULhvtJAlvwTBj1H>

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