

RCCE C.O.P. - Citizens On Patrol



Gordon Stone and Jacque Buechley-Stone



Lou Collins and Bob Small

Four Area Z residents and “next door neighbors” are the “eyes and ears” for our neighborhood. Lou Collins, Bob Small, Gordon Stone and Jacque Buechley-Stone are giving of THEIR time to patrol our neighborhood and to help keep it safe. They are part of the Fort Worth C.O.P. Program that assists our Neighborhood Patrol Officer in keeping a look out for crime in our neighborhood. And for the Benbrook residents, these individuals are patrolling your area also even though this is a Fort Worth program.

For a year now, these individuals have been patrolling in the evenings in marked vehicles that say “Citizen Patrol” and “Citizens Code Blue Program – Ridglea Country Club Estates”. Since there is a shortage of City Police, the Citizen on Patrol program has become necessary to help be the “eyes and ears” as the City Police officers aren’t able to be everywhere. RCCE C.O.P. will radio in to the main dispatch to alert them of any suspicious activity taking place that might otherwise have gone unnoticed.

These individuals love the fact that RCCE is relatively safe and the crime statistics are low... NOW, but statistics are showing that motor vehicle crime is increasing city wide and in our own neighborhood. There were car break-ins in the Benbrook side this past spring and just recently, there were two car break-ins in the Fort Worth side plus an apparent attempted home break-in. So neighbors, we ALL have to work together if we want to keep our area safe and there is no time like the present to start.

Did you know that just behind our subdivision in the area south of 183 and west of Vickery, several homes are know to house Meth labs? Did you also know that there has been a big increase in car burglaries in the apartments and retirement communities across 183 in the Riverpark subdivision? Neighbors, all this is at our front and back doors!

So what can you do to help? Here are some suggestions from our C.O.P. patrolpersons...

1. Keep your cars and homes locked at all times. At night, do not leave your vehicles parked on the streets. If your cars are parked on your driveway at night, make sure they’re locked and all personal belongings are removed. It only takes someone seconds to break the glass of your car door and steal that cell phone, wallet, lap top and other valuable belongings.
2. Keep your eyes and ears open. If you see something suspicious in front of your house, call 911, or if you see something suspicious at your neighbors, call them and if they don’t answer then call 911.

3. Don't know your neighbors? Then get off the couch now and go next door and introduce yourself and your family. Get each other's cell phone numbers or the best phone number to call in case one of you sees something suspicious next door. Know what time each of you leave and come home from work. Or are you retired? What color and make cars should be in the driveway?
4. As the old saying goes "It's 10 o'clock, do you know where your children are?" Remember, there is a curfew for children 17 and under. Monday thru Friday, these children are to be home by 11 pm and on the weekends, by midnight. And this is a Zero Tolerance law and some of our own neighborhood teen residents have been ticketed for this as the offense showed up on the Fort Worth incident report.
5. All four patrolpersons stated that the "RCCE" sticker on the back of your car is one of the best helps to them. When they see those blue or white "RCCE" letters, they know this car should be in the subdivision.

If you have the stickers, again, get off the couch now and put them on the back window of your vehicle(s). What? You don't have them but you've paid your homeowner dues? Then email BrianChris4301@aol.com and arrangements will be made to get you these stickers.

Don't have them and you haven't paid your dues? For your safety and the safety of your neighborhood, doesn't it make sense to write that check out now and send it to PO Box 121281 Ridglea Station, Fort Worth, TX 76121? With that membership you get two stickers for your vehicles AND a printed directory with the names and phone numbers of your neighbors. Isn't your safety and the safety of you neighbors worth the \$50 or \$57 for your HOA membership?

THANKS to Lou, Bob, Gordon and Jacque. They have "stepped up to the plate" to help keep you and your neighbors a little more safe. If you would like to find out how you can help them or more about the C.O.P. program, email Lou at lou@c3consultants.net or call him at 817-300-0100. Also check out some articles and information Lou has posted on our website at www.RCCEHA.com.

