Hot Springs Village Public Safety Committee

February 20, 2016

The Public Safety Committee conducted four public meetings in 2015. Those occurred on March 12th, June 11th, September 10th, and December 10th, at the Coronado Center. Some of the matters discussed and considered at those meetings included:
- Various intersection and road hazards.
- Location and funding for a “new” Police Station.
- Locating funding for needed ammunition and equipment for the police department.
- Ambulance availability for Village residents.
- Improved access control at the Village entrance gates.
- Improved use and visibility of gate access stickers and visitor passes.
- Monthly coffee meetings/discussions with the Police and Fire Chiefs, Public Safety Committee members, and interested Villagers.

Completed activities and recommendations:

- The committee is compiling statistics of all Village traffic collisions and summarizing the circumstances of each incident on a monthly and annual basis. Completed reports are submitted to Public Works and the Police Department for their consideration and any follow-up that may be appropriate or necessary to make roadways and/or intersections safer.

- Weekly articles regarding personal, vehicle and home safety, along with suggestions for improvement are now being published in the Village Voice through the courtesy of the Voice management. State vehicle code laws and required compliance are also being addressed.

- A form of “neighborhood Watch” is being offered to communities within the Village, which express an interest in developing such a program.

- Steps are underway to have a State Department of Game and Fish boat, motor and trailer donated to the Village Police Department, for the purpose of patrolling the Village lakes as appropriate or needed.

- On Aug. 12, 2015, a written recommendation and justification to modify the intersection at Balearic Road and Balboa Road, from a hazardous two-way stop to a much safer four-way stop, was submitted to Village Police Chief Middleton, for his consideration and that of POA management. That written recommendation was approved and the intersection will become a four-way stop in late February, 2016.
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Future public meetings of the Public Safety Committee are scheduled for: Mar. 9th, June 8th, Sept. 14th, and Dec. 14th, 2016, at 10:00 AM, in rooms 1 & 2, at the Coronado Center.