

Trilogy Security and Preparedness Committee (TSPC)

Report to the WMA Board – August 25, 2020

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Activities since October 22, 2019 report

The committee continues to develop community awareness of security and preparedness issues by providing information to residents and, prior to Covid-19, sponsoring in person activities.

1) Communication Activities

The committee continues to seek improved methods of communicating with residents and, to that end, has been developing a website with the help of Judy Katz and Harold Joseph tailored to Monarch Dunes residents. The objective of the website is to improve community participation in security and preparedness activities by consolidating community related information in one location. Until now we've used MTL, mail room flyers, Nextdoor social media and a separate TSPC email database to reach residents but that has been only marginally effective, reaching less than 10% of the community. Restricted use of the Management Trust email database has not been helpful and the committee again requests that we be given special exemption for more frequent use of the Management Trust email database.

The website will contain a variety of security and preparedness information some of which include:

- An Events and Notices page that will include provision for HOA board notices and communications.
- Neighborhood Watch (NW) pages for the numerous NW groups that have been formed under the sponsorship of the committee and the leadership of Mary Beth Baker.
- Actionable guidance on how to create an emergency preparedness kit and response plan.
- Links to local law enforcement websites and information on how to participate in Reverse 911 and other similar programs.
- Links to SLO county preparedness websites.

The TSPC wishes to thank those members of the board that participated in the Beta evaluation of the site and provided their feedback. Your comments have been incorporated in the changes planned prior to rollout.

The annual cost of the website hosting will be between \$150 to \$200 depending on the options selected and the duration of the contract (i.e. 1, 2 or 3 years). **The**



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committee requests approval by the board to incur the cost for the site and proceed with deployment.

2) Security Activities

Our law enforcement liaison (Steve Dippell) maintains a close working relationship with the SLO county sheriff's department and monitors crime activity in our area. There have been some minor trespass and auto theft activities since the last report but nothing that the sheriff's department considers major felonies. Some areas of the community have recently registered complaints about nighttime attempts to break into automobiles. NW captains have urged residents to always lock their cars and not leave valuables in them if they can't park them in their garages. We have also been advising homeowners with security camera systems to register them with the TSPC CamReg database so that we can assist sheriff efforts when criminal activities occur in the community.

Security Camera registration (CamReg) database

The CamReg database is a TSPC sponsored initiative maintained by Chuck Sloan to assist law enforcement investigation of crimes occurring within Monarch Dunes. The system stores information about the location of residential security cameras and who the point of contact is for gaining access to the video. The information is only available to the SLO county sheriff's department when requested by them and is a voluntary program.

License plate reader (LPR) cameras

Last year the committee requested the board authorize a no cost LPR demonstration as part of our evaluation of this technology for use in Monarch Dunes. The board declined to consider the request, so the committee completed its assessment without the demonstration. The results of our assessment were included as Appendix A to the TSPC meeting minutes dated February 14, 2020. The committee does not intend to devote further resources investigating LPR cameras unless the WMA board instructs the committee to do so. The option for a no cost technology demonstration is no longer available.

Neighborhood Watch (NW)

The committee, through our NW liaison person Mary Beth Baker, has been active in formation and expansion of NW groups. The Neighborhood Watch program has been well received and new groups continue to be formed.

3) Preparedness Activities

The committee believes this is a critical area of concern for our community and is an area of emphasis for the committee in 2020.



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On February 5th, the committee sponsored a Preparedness Town Hall at which Cal Fire, CA state OES, SLO county OES, SLO sheriff's department and SLO county emergency planning representatives made presentations and answered questions. The Q&A information was published in a document and posted on MTL.

The PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Town Hall scheduled for Thursday March 19th was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.