

OCTOBER 2009 Meeting Minutes

A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO NOT HAVE A DECEMBER MEETING AS SOME WILL BE BUSY OR OUT OF TOWN.

We had 37 members and guests.

Lonnie opened the meeting and introduced Sheriff L.C. Knight, Captain Decker, Chief Richardson, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, and 2 representatives from Old Fort Fire Dept., Doug Ruge and Shawn Paulson.

The Firemen passed out stickers and coloring books to the children

Sheriff Knight encouraged neighbors to be "nosy" and be aware of what may be going on in the neighborhood. Captain Decker passed out complaint form blanks to several new members.

Chief Richardson spoke about apathy as a problem in some areas. Lack of participation by members of the community opens the door for people who are not law abiding to commit crimes undetected.

Engineer Doug Ruge gave a presentation on preventing household fires. His tips were:

1. Leave a minimum of 3 ft. around a space heater.
2. Don't put a space heater on carpet
3. Have a grate in front of your fireplace and don't leave the house with a fire burning.
4. Have everyone know 2 ways out of every room and a plan in place to evacuate the home if needed.
5. Have a designated meeting place outside the house, remind everyone once they get out **STAY OUT.**
- 6 Clean chimneys, and grease traps in kitchen.
7. Make sure you have a good fire extinguisher and keep it recharged. Don't store in an out of the way place.
8. Check smoke detectors monthly and change batteries 2x a year when time changes.

The Fire Dept will install ONE smoke detector at no charge. Contact any Fire Station.

Next year we plan to do a joint event for National night out.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting will be November 19th.