



Ingram Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes for June 19th, 2017, held at Foster Park at 7 pm.

Key member introductions:

Watch leaders Katie Ewing and Jessica Tebbets

Ingram Police Chief Jack Doherty and Officer Seth Masely

Ingram Borough Mayor Sharon Stetz

Ingram Borough EMS Chief Karen Dixon

Key message for the evening: **CALL 911**. Only call the (412) 921-6969 number for issues that can wait; vacation requests, general questions, etc. Officers are often on patrol, the station is not staffed 24 hrs. You are NOT wasting the dispatchers time, that is what they are there for.

Communication: Watch communications will be sent via email, Ingram Borough Police Facebook page, NextDoor app, and the borough website.

Volunteers: Many ask what we need from you. Whatever you are willing to give!

- **CALL 911 if you see something you think is wrong**
- Get to know your neighbors, look out for each other
- Share information you receive from us with those not on facebook/email etc.
- Help with Ingram Days booth
- Keep an eye out while walking/driving around the neighborhood and the park.
- Contact us with concerns or questions, we can help facilitate action with police or the borough.

Plan for the year: We'd like to have an educational program every 3-6 months. For the summer, we have a Bike Safety Night (August) and an Internet Security presentation planned.

Group Discussion:

- Ingram Night Out vs National Night Out: we decided to do the National Night Out on Tues, August 1st; aiming for getting out and walking the neighborhood with heavy police presence. An Ingram Night Out or Meet the Police event, in the park, will be planned for October. This may include local government presence, County police, food, etc.
- Business Solicitation permits: Door to door salesmen are required to register with the police. Chief Jack will post on Police facebook page when permits are issued. If someone knocks on your door, and no permit was issued that day, call 911.
- Chief Jack went over Open Carry laws in our area.

- Question was raised regarding confidentiality of 911 calls. Officer Masely said dispatch has your info, police may have info, but that info is never given out.
- A Resident requested better enforcement of Noll Ave steps.
- Foster Park closes at sunset, this includes the basketball courts. Police ask kids to leave each night.
- Safe Exchange locations: The borough building is not a good option for this, as it is not staffed by police while police are on patrol. The shopping center is ideal; cameras are located in front of Citizens bank, PNC bank, Dollar Bank, Rite Aid, Get Go, CVS and Walgreens.
- Drug Epidemic
 - Chief Jack described what to look for regarding suspicious activity, paraphernalia, etc. Discussed problem areas. Great suggestion was made to have County Task force come and give a presentation. Chief Jack described drug waste box in the borough building for unneeded medication.