

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association

Nov. 17,th 2014 Meeting Minuets



President opened meeting 6:35pm

CAP grant is coming through and will fund block party/social gatherings

- \$50-100 given when application is made and approved by board

More info and application at: <http://santomaswest.com>

(president Danielle) Neighborhood Development conference report

Ways to make strong neighborhoods:

- connecting with local businesses
- connecting with landlords

(secretary Ruth) San Jose police strategies to make strong neighborhoods:

- gang prevention presentations in schools
- gang task force dedicated to gang areas
- website with reporting and information options

More info at: <http://www.unscc.org>

Campbell police Captain Joe Cefalu (guest speaker)

- very little crime problems in our neighborhood
- car thefts
- calls from neighbors about suspicious activity - countywide crackdown on gangs - gang sweep resulting in 15 arrests
- holidays bring many opportunities for thefts from cars
- Boynton and Payne is the location of the Sorenos gang (blue) 350 members
- graffiti abatement program will give a paint remover to us
- trim shrubs near doors and windows, security cameras, well lit,

Tom Morales (guest speaker), our neighborhood SJ police officer:

- 50% of security cameras are not hooked up
- dogs are a big deterrent
- claim the neighborhood and paint over graffiti
- we have one burglary detective for the entire city so we are relying on community service officers

Fraternal Order of Police - retired police officers - holiday safety:

(Guest Speakers Robert Lopez and Steve Mello)

- 1st - know your neighbors, personal eye contact
- 2nd - what does the yard look like? Where are the bushes?
- 1. Clean up the yard
- 2. Don't allow deliveries to be left on the step
- 3. Don't make public your daily routine
- 4. Deadbolt locks, no double key type, nor bars on windows
- 5. Motion detector lights
- 6. Keep radio (talk/voices) on and lights on
- 7. Timers on the lights, with varied times
- 8. Sliding windows can be blocked with dowels, locks, and a screw to prevent lifting the window out
- 9. Phony alarm boxes and stickers can be mounted
- 10. Put everything away, and keep garage doors down
- 11. If you return home and the door is open, DO NOT GO IN!!!
- 12. Calling 911 may get routed to CHP in Vallejo and then rerouted - be patient

More information or to get involved: <http://www.supportfop52.org>