

FGNWC Annual Meeting and

Coordinators Appreciation Event

October 11, 2023

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<u>Board Members in Attendance</u>: Evelyne Kornreich – Chair, John Lannamann – Vice Chair, Phyllis Molnar – Secretary, Cyd Riede – Membership, Mike Kapalin – Projects, Dave Stout – Law Enforcement, Susan Tebbe - Director-at-Large, Bob Willis – FGRS Liaison

Speakers: Cumberland County Sheriff Casey Cox; Fairfield Glade Police Chief Kate Self; Fairfield Glade Deputy Fire Chief Abe Celik.

Cyd welcomed and thanked the FGNWC coordinators for attending the October 11, 2023 annual meeting. According to the by-laws and charter of FGNWC, once each year an annual meeting is held for all coordinators representing their neighborhoods.

Cyd introduced the current FGNWC Board members. She explained how the neighborhood watch coalition was started in 2009 with a few neighborhoods becoming concerned of recent burglaries. In 2013 the coalition created the website and by 2014 had grown to 37 groups and now, in 2023, we have 57 organized neighborhood watch groups, representing a good portion of Fairfield Glade. Unfortunately, 7 of these groups are currently without a coordinator. Cyd asked everyone present to help find individuals in these neighborhoods who might step forward and serve their area. Cyd will send the coordinators' list and highlight the areas currently in need.

Cyd explained how our organization is based on 4 P's: Crime <u>P</u>revention, <u>P</u>ersonal Safety, <u>P</u>reparedness and <u>P</u>artnering. Besides the obvious safety precautions such as keeping your garage door closed, neighbors are asked to also keep an eye on each other. If something seems out of place, notify your coordinator or the police.

Cumberland County Sheriff Casey Cox

Fairfield Glade is the poster child of neighborhood watch throughout the entire country. With the great organization and structure of FGNWC, it operates as a well-oiled machine. Neighborhood Watch helps make the sheriff and police departments operate more efficiently; we can't be everywhere and with the eyes and ears of the community always watching for strange vehicles/people driving around looking for an opportunity of crime, his chances are greatly reduced. Continue to be aware and alert and thank you for what you do.

It's an honor to be able to work with the FG Police Department. With other resorts you would not get the service that residents here receive. This is the only resort in the state that has its own private police

department. The Sheriff does not have the manpower needed to cover the entire county and without the FGPD, coverage in our area would be spread very thin. What you see here is totally different from what you see in the county; the demographics are entirely different. Burglary and thefts are down, with thefts being 'thefts of opportunity', the little red truck may drive by and see your garage door open, and it only takes seconds for him to grab a weed eater that he can sell to get the cash he needs for his next drug fix. Many thefts are criminal on criminal where the drug dealer will make a trade and then come and steal it back.

The biggest problem in the FG area is SCAMS. Do NOT give out your information, do NOT buy gift cards. These scams sound very real, extremely real. They play on your emotions and threats. The scammers can spoof your phone and make it appear you are receiving a call from the sheriff's office saying there is a warrant for your arrest. People send thousands and thousands of dollars. With so many service workers in our area, be very protective of your information and homes. If someone asks to use your restroom, they could be looking for drugs; make sure you are safe and confident who you let into your home. If you have medication that you no longer use or has expired, drop it in the Drug Take Back box at the FG police station.

Drug addiction is a huge problem in this county, state, and country. People are stealing to support their drug habit; they are not stealing to buy food. Prescription opioids have slowed down but now heroin has moved into our area from the north. Fentanyl is being added which is causing overdose deaths. Last year there were 39 overdose deaths in the county and to date there are 39. The size of two grains of salt is all it takes to overdose from fentanyl. It comes down to the homicides in the county being either drug related or domestic related. So please, I'll leave you with the request to not do drugs and to love your spouse/partner.

<u>Fairfield Glade Police Chief Kate Self</u> www.fgpolice.org

In trying to be more transparent, the monthly report for the Police Department has been changed. The 'Other' category will now show the crime. Theft cases are up 13%, but of those cases, 51 are fraud, scams and identity theft. That is the largest problem in the Glade. The Police Department has presented multiple scam seminars and will be increased to ensure the work gets out. We are increasing our partnering with the Neighborhood Watch Board to determine the best way to get the word out on the scam problem. Word of mouth is the best way, so talk to your neighbors, help them out, educate them. Word of mouth is the best defense to prevent being a victim. In the past two months we have seen a loss of nearly \$200,000 by scams. The scammers make it sound real, and people think they are going to be arrested. Hang up and call the Police Department. That is the job of the FGPD, to help you keep from becoming a victim.

In the past year and a half, changes have occurred in the department. You can visit the FGPD website for more information on the department, as well as find the annual and monthly reports. The monthly reports now show how many society crimes, personal assaults and drugs; the report goes more in-depth. Frontline software is the technology we now use for our community programs such as Vacation Watch and At Risk (previously Silver Alert). If a resident is not comfortable with technology, they can continue using paper forms. Each patrol car is equipped with a laptop and the officer can quickly pull up Vacation Watches to check on if time permits.

Our chaplain program currently has five chaplains on call.

With the number one complaint being speeding, the e-Citation program will allow the officers to scan the necessary information in 2-5 minutes for a citation versus 5-10 minutes to write one. This will free up additional time for the officers. The equipment is being installed and should be up and running later this year.

Upcoming, we are reviewing and revising our EOP (Emergency Orders of Protection). It has not been published since 2016. An active threat/active shooter program is in the works and classes will be offered for employees and the public.

A 5-year strategic plan specifically for the FGPD will be established next year and will give a vision of where the Department wants to be in the next five years.

The emergency dispatch office will be ready next year and will be located at the FGPD. If possible, an open house tour will be available when ready. The THSO grant, the only grant FGPD qualifies for due to our private status, has been increased to \$30,000. This grant helps pay for equipment as well as law enforcement. Next year it has been expanded for use in community events which will allow more CarFit, Yellow Dot, traffic-related safety events and overtime for our officers.

CALEA. In November we go before the Commission Review board in Washington to learn if we passed the recertification. The final report received in October at the completion of the review process was very positive.

We have now partnered with CrimeStoppers and residents can receive money for help in solving crimes. Information will be provided to Neighborhood Watch when received.

With the holidays coming up, more criminals will be following USPS, FedEx and UPS trucks looking for packages. If you are expecting a package, have a neighbor watch for it if you will be unavailable.

Fairfield Glade Deputy Fire Chief Abe Celik www.fairfieldgladefire.org

EMR – The FGFD will be re-starting the first responder program. With only one ambulance currently in our area, we are in need. The new program will consist of 14-16 individuals, consisting of firefighters and residents with some type of medical background. The training will be 40 hours and the person will be on call 1-2 days per week. The FGFD is working with Fairfield Glade to obtain two vehicles to be used. All costs will be paid for by the Community Club and the individuals will receive a stipend. This program will start next year; a newspaper article will be forthcoming.

Fire truck update -The money has finally been raised for the new truck and we are in the final stages of completing the paperwork. The engine will be purchased for \$548,000.

For the month of September, we have had 19 calls, 11 rescue/medical. Fires are rare with only three this year. We handle many hazardous conditions and alarms, where fire alarms may only need new batteries, so please replace your batteries each year. The smoke detector program is available where the state provides battery-operated alarms (not hard-wired alarms) and the FGFD will install both types for free.

New fire building – An architect has been hired however they are still waiting for the location to be named.

Chair Evelyne Kornreich

Accomplishments this past year: we partnered with the FGPD on a Scam presentation; Safety Day with CarFit, shredder truck and drug takeback; and the Get Involved symposium at the Center. We also partnered with FGRS on the April shredder truck; Bob Willis obtained a grant from AARP for the second shredder truck event. FGNWC participated in a FOCUS group to determine how FGNWC can help with possible new programs through FGRS. Our bake sale was held which is our only fundraiser each year; and we maintained the www.FGNWC.org website, posting monthly meeting minutes with police and fire statistics; updated the Tip Sheets; held monthly meetings which are open to the public; updated the FGNWC by-laws; and currently reviewing the locations of neighborhood watch signs.

Projects Director Mike Kapalin

We are fortunate and blessed to live where we do, however there are things we need to do to maintain what we currently have. Nothing changes if you don't do something about it! We need your ideas as to what to be involved in for the future. Some ideas that I would like to share are: Should we consider assisting in the development of the Veterans/First Responders Memorial @ Robin Hood Park? What are the needs and wants of our police and fire departments? We're here to help and assist in our community. Lastly, we want to hear from you about what you'd like to see us involved in. Your ideas matter!

Elections (Dave Stout)

This year the positions up for renewal are the Chair, Membership Director, Program Director and Member At-Large. Our by-laws do reflect that elections will not take place if positions are uncontested; that is the situation this year. Four positions are up for election, four people have agreed to remain on the Board, and we have received no other submissions. Therefore, the Chair will be Mike Kapalin, Membership Director Cyd Riede, Program Director Evelyne Kornreich and Member-at-Large Director Susan Tebbe. With confusion this year as to which positions were up for election, it was determined the by-laws need to be modified due to the misinterpretation of Article 3, Section 2. Ballots were distributed to all attending coordinators; the ballots were counted and the change to the by-laws was unanimously passed.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 8, 2023, 8:00AM, at the FG Police Department. FGNWC Board Meetings are open to all residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46AM.

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis Molnar, Secretary

Attachments: FGFD Major Incident Report; FGPD Monthly Comparison Stats

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Fairfield Glade Police Department Monthly Comparison Stats

			September	September		2022	2023	
			2022	2023		YTD	YTD	
Total Activ	ity/Incide	nts	2,721	2,689	-1%	25,813	23,163	-10%
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EMS Emergency Calls		11	10	-9%	106	80	-25.00%	
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Residents A	Assistance		12	10	-17%	256	127	-50%
Home Security Checks		2,485	2,601	5%	23,209	19,924	-14%	
Radar Hou	rs		48	68	42%	563	645	15%
Traffic Cita	tions Issu	ed	112	131	17%	1127	1858	65%
• Speedii	ng		75	79	5%	744	954	28%
• Seat Be	elt		1	1	0%	13	75	477%
Suspended/Revoked License		3	0	-100%	23	28	22%	
No Insu	No Insurance		5	8	60%	53	106	100%
• Other			28	43	54%	294	695	136%
Arrests			9	9	0%	63	96	52%
Domestic Violence		1	2	200%	8	12	50%	
Outstanding Warrants		3	1	-67%	14	17	21%	
• Theft/E	Theft/Burglary		1	0	0%	2	2	0%
DORSL/No DL		1	1	-100%	5	24	360%	
Driving	Under the	Influence	1	0	-100%	12	10	-17%
Other			2	5	50%	22	31	27%
Reports			44	81	84%	489	691	41%
Other Felony Charges		0	1	100%	4	5	25%	
Burglary Reports		0	1	100%	10	3	-70%	
Vandalism Reports		2	1	-50%	9	10	11%	
Theft Reports		3	8	167%	26	34	19%	
Vehicle Collisions		3		33%	33	43	30%	
Alarm Calls		9	19	111%	138	193	40%	
ACC Pet Nuisance Violation		1	1	0%	6	9	50%	
Contractor Fraud		0	1	100%	1	5	400%	
Asst. the Co	ounty		1	2	100%			711%
Other			25	43	72%	253	319	26%

Fairfield Glade Fire Department

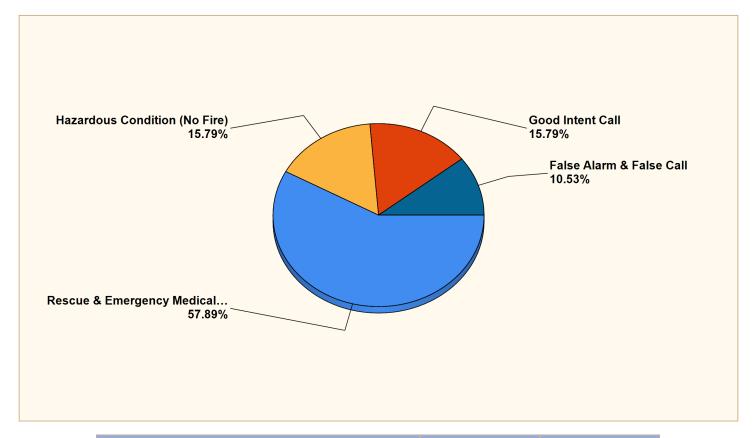
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL	
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	11	57.89%	
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	15.79%	
Good Intent Call	3	15.79%	
False Alarm & False Call	2	10.53%	
TOTAL	19	100%	

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type						
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL				
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7	36.84%				
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	15.79%				
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	5.26%				
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	5.26%				
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	5.26%				
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	5.26%				
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	15.79%				
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	5.26%				
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	5.26%				
TOTAL IN	CIDENTS: 19	100%				