

We had a big turnout at last Thursday's CERT/Neighborhood watch meeting. Thanks to everyone who showed up. You can download the handout [here](#).

The focus of our meeting was on Neighborhood Watch. We discussed things that you can do to protect yourself like locking car/house doors and home security and things you can do to protect our neighborhood like reporting suspicious people to the PD non-emergency number 949-644-3717. The PD vacation check program was endorsed as very effective. Call the non-emergency number to request this service.

I have updated our web site at:

<http://www.dovershorecert.org/neighborhoodwatch.html>

with information from the handout including links to current crime statistics for our area. This site also contains information on dealing with coyotes. Let me know if you would like me to add other information.

People on NextDoor have suggested that Dover Shores hire private security guards to patrol the neighborhood. At the meeting, Tony Khoury pointed out that the HOA has done that in the past and found that it was ineffective. I have heard NBPD Crime Prevention Specialist Andrea Querry say similar things. If you would like to discuss ideas with Andi, you can reach her at 949-644-3699 or email aquerry@nbpd.org.

Newport Beach police and fire will be hosting an open house, Public Safety Day, this Saturday, 5/20 12-5 at Police Headquarters 870 Santa Barbara. More info [here](#).

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 13 7PM at Larry's Beach, 1108 Polaris.