

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 04/26/23

Attendees:

In Person: Kelly Armento, Richard Ayres, Sandi Berenbaum, Lon Breslow, Andrea Dikeou, Marisa Echaniz, Ann Hofmeister, Michael Hughes, Graham Kaltenbach, Carol Kleiner, Steven Paletz, Joe Reece, Steve Segal, Ann Spoor and Andy Walvoord

Zoom: Not Available

Absent Board Members: Bill Bonebrake, Larry. Donovan, Tom Hart, Mary Morissette, Josie Ostrander, Clay Sparks, and Melissa Thomas

Guests: Carlos Aragon (Denver Police Department), Kelly Brough (Mayoral Candidate), Ryan Harris (Denver Police Department), Owen Brigner (Representative from Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer's office), Seth Krummrich (VP, Client Risk Management from Global Guardian), Joshua Posner (Representative from Mayoral Candidate, Mike Johnston's office), and Spencer Tadken (VP, Operations from Global Guardian)

Residents: Michael Atkins, Brian Barish, Lanny Benson, Elizabeth Benson, Levi Bowman, Dana Busch, Joy Busch, Don Childears, Linda Childears, Kathryn Cummins, Katie Curier, Greg Day, Alex Eberly, Sarah Ellis, Tennaly Fortier, Dustin Gaspadi, Aaron Gowatch, Lori Greenstone, Megan Harper, Douglas Henston, Hayden Hirschfeld, Elana Hirschfeld, Andi Jacobs, Stephen Kantor, Deb Kantor, Dorota Kilstrom, Amy Kuark, Stephanie Lepard, Raymond Lorenz, Dan Montgomery, Kathy Neustadt, Kathy O'Shaughnessy, Rick Palacio, Mike Sena, Janet Shiroff, Paula Sommer, Don Sommer, Stefan Stein, Laura Stenovec, Jean Stracy, George Stracy, Mary Sullivan, Margaux Trammell, Margaret Verleger, Phil Verleger, Tom Ward, Julee Wray, and JoAnn Zell

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM

- I. Intro by President- Introduction and agenda preview. Footage of recent car theft/shooting on 4th & Fairfax was shared.
- II. **Denver Police Department Guests and Updates-** Carlos Aragon from Denver Police Department, Commander of District 3 and Ryan Harris, Head of Sector 2 from Denver Police, shared updates on District 3, answered residents' questions and provided the following information:
 - a. District 3 has Cabinet meetings first Wednesday of every month 6pm-7pm at 1625 S. University Blvd (District 3 Substation).
 - b. The Denver Police are currently working on the active case of the car theft/shooting shown in the video footage. Not much can be shared as the case is still ongoing, but there is a person of interest/suspect that Denver Police is actively looking into.
 - c. Number of auto thefts in a year and ratio of auto thefts per resident in Hilltop compared to other jurisdictions are nowhere close (example of Cook county, IL was provided at 2,700 auto thefts in a year; Hilltop had 41 auto thefts in 2022—filter by Hilltop/District 3). Denver Police Department has centralized the Auto theft investigations team. What used to be six different districts with 12-13 detectives got reduced to the top performing detectives from each district into one team. Centralizing the team improved overall reduction of car theft by 30%. It also reduced

overall crime by 39% in recognizing that arrests made from auto theft were by perpetrators charged for another crime (70% of 1500 car theft arrests in 2022).

- d. What community members can do to reduce the number of auto thefts: 1. Use a club (starting May, there will be a study on using a steering wheel club and its effect on theft); 2. Register vehicle under [DenverTrack](#), a program where a vehicle owner preauthorizes Denver Police to track the GPS location of their vehicle (either by vehicle installed tracking device or other Bluetooth type tracking devices) only when stolen. Cook County, IL did a similar program and found that it reduced the desire to steal a car by 50%. DenverTrack started in March and effectiveness data will be released in 6 months, 9 months, etc. *Flyer provided at meeting and attached at the end of meeting minutes*. 3. Get an etching kit (inscribe a unique number) for catalytic converters to prevent theft. Event will be held on May 11th at Les Schwab Tire Center where etching on catalytic converters will be provided.
- e. Denver Police have weekly strategy meetings to predict where crime will happen and where it has been consistent. Compared to other sectors, they deemed Hilltop a safe neighborhood where there have only been little pockets of crime with a downward trend. [Data](#) on crime in District 3 and metro wide was provided.
- f. What community members can do to reduce crime in the neighborhood: 1. Call the non-emergency number (720-913-2000) for petty crime, file online or telephone report of suspicious behavior. Emphasis made by Officer Aragon on detailing the suspicious behaviors and not just the description of individual(s). 2. Create a neighborhood watch program. District 3 has a formalized process. Contact Mike Borquez, District 3 Community Resource officer (mike.borquez@denvergov.org). Andy Walvoord, Safety Committee chair, has conducted meetings on neighborhood watch in Hilltop. 3. Be vigilant with bringing packages inside and help with neighbors' packages. 4. Get to know your neighbors.
- g. Denver Police Department staffing is not at 100% but turning in the right direction. Currently there are 56 outstanding job offers and academy starting next month.

III. **Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer's office updates-** Owen Brigner (Representative from Amanda Sawyer's) provided updates on what the office has done and is doing in regard to safety: In 2022, Amanda Sawyer led a gun buyback program turning weapons into gardening tools, supported legislation to shut down secondary market for catalytic converters to help stop thefts, and created the "Lights on District 5" initiative to help lower property crime. For this year, goal to hire more officers by increasing pay, providing signing bonuses and offering more training.

IV. **2023 mayoral candidates in runoff election:**

- a. Kelly Broff shared main reasons she got into mayor race was because of safety. She has spent time with officers to understand challenges and to reduce encampments so officers can spend their time going after crime. Her stance is to provide resources to the unhoused by building the infrastructure to house.
- b. Joshua Posner, a representative from Mike Johnston's campaign, shared that Mike is running to build America's best city and is committed to bringing in more safety officers. The website, www.mikejohnstonformayor.com was provided to look more into his policy and proposals to address safety in Denver.

V. **Global Guardian-** Background: Resident, Elizabeth Benson, helped organize interest in hiring neighborhood security for Hilltop and reached out to Global Guardian, a security

company that Country Club is using, to learn more about their services. Representatives from Global Guardian, Seth Krummrich VP, Client Risk Management from Global Guardian and Spencer Tacken, VP, Operations, shared a slide deck detailing a two-phase plan for Hilltop. This was only a proposal of what they would execute in the neighborhood and for the neighbors to learn more about their services. No decision has been made as to whether or not to proceed with this company.

- a. About: International security firm that operates globally. Leadership is made up of military special operations and federal law enforcement with goal to provide security services for a safe environment unique to each client's challenges.
- b. Phase 1- One to three months with strong, 24/7 presence of security agents patrolling in clearly marked cars. Acts as a deterrent factor for criminals coming into the neighborhood.
- c. Phase 2- Brings hybrid technology such as CCTV and sensors. Security cameras are installed where neighborhood deems appropriate. Security cameras have AI technology that recognizes weapons like knives and guns, alerts agents to bring in local police and is monitored 24/7.
- d. Additional information shared by Global Guardian in answering residents' questions:
 - i. Security agents are a complement to law enforcement and do not make arrests.
 1. They will interact with the perpetrator to deescalate, stop the crime and collect information (the eyes and ears) to provide to law enforcement.
 2. There will also be a continuity of agents in the neighborhood where residents will see the same agents.
 3. They are all experienced agents who are vetted and insured and paying residents get a direct number to the patrols along with another 24/hour number.
 - ii. Neighborhood gets to make decisions and/or provide input on the following:
 1. whether the officers are armed.
 2. where to put the security cameras. Global Guardian looks at data on where the problem areas are in the neighborhood (including alleys) and provides suggestions. Cameras are installed with permission of homeowner if on private property and city licensing if on city ground.
 - iii. Patrols will know which homes are paying and focus on the marked homes.
 - iv. No self-service access to cameras; Global Guardian will provide footage upon request.

VI. Open discussion/conversation with residents continued regarding security in the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner

Abandoned Vehicles: 720-865-0471

Anonymous Crime Tips: 720-913-STOP (7867)

Code Enforcement: 720-865-3200

Parking Violations: 866-280-9988

Police Records and Reports Requests: 720-913-6755

Police Complaints and Recommendations: 720-913-3306

Sex Offender Search: www.sofar.us/

Speed Trailer or Street Closure Request: 720-337-1030

DPD SafePlace: DPD partners with

the community to assist victims of LGBTQ+ bias-motivated crimes, raise awareness and provide a place for victims of crime while they await police arrival. Any business or school can participate by contacting Kate.Young@denvergov.org



Outreach Case Coordinators: The Outreach Case

Coordinator (OCC) program is part of DPD's commitment to approaching public safety services with a focus on helping to address the needs of our community members. This is accomplished by providing long-term connections to available services and supports. Contact Deon.Rogers@denvergov.org for more information.

Rose Andom Domestic Violence Center: The Rose

Andom Center is a place for domestic violent victims to find the safety, support, and services needed to rebuild their lives and heal their families. Call 720-337-4400, visit roseandomcenter.org, or email info@roseandomcenter.org.

Victim Assistance

Denver DA Victim Compensation Fund:

720-913-9253

DPD Victim Assistance Unit:

720-913-6035

National Victim Notification Network:

apprissafety.com/solutions/vine/

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

800 - 799- 7233

FROM THE DISTRICT 3 COMMANDER

Creating transparent and welcoming communications between our District 3 officers and the community we serve is a priority in my duties as Commander of District 3. Community engagement, prompt calls for service response times, and respectful communication will continue to be the cornerstone in the service you receive from your District 3 officers.

Engaged neighborhoods are safer neighborhoods! Get involved, get to know your neighbors, encourage proactive crime prevention, be actively involved in the decision making process on issues that are important to you, and attend community outreach events.

The Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) meeting is one way you can get involved. Not only do you hear about the statistics for the entire district, you also get to ask me your specific questions. It's a great opportunity to meet your local Denver Police officers, while staying informed.

CAB meetings are held at 6 pm the 1st Wednesday of each month at the District 3 Station (subject to change based on holidays and other major events). If you require an ASL interpreter, please email us at 3.Dist@Denvergov.org at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

Get involved! Be intentional!

Carlos Aragon

Stay Connected!



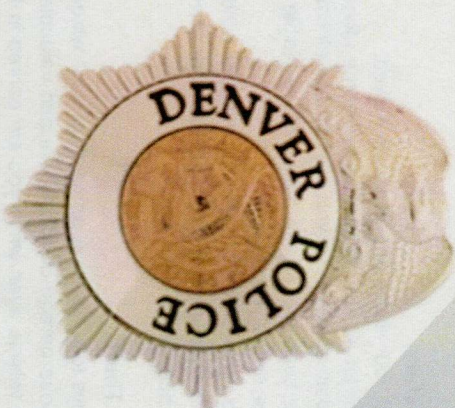
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twitter.com/denverpolice

instagram.com/denverpolice

youtube.com/user/DenverPoliceDept

Nextdoor.com



DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

District 3

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Denver, CO 80213

720-913-1300

3.Dist@denvergov.org

Denvergov.org/police

Emergencies dial 911

Non-Emergency: 720-913-2000

CRIME PREVENTION

Home Safety

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Never let anyone know you are home alone.
- Keep an appearance you are home at all times.
- Make sure your house numbers are visible for police or fire response.
- Keep your shrubs trimmed below your windows.
- Install a motion sensor to light up your driveway and doorways.

Vehicle Theft

- Always lock your car and roll up your windows.
- Remove garage door openers and valuables from your vehicle even when you are parked in front of your home.
- Park in a well lit, highly visible area.
- Use an steering wheel lock or other anti-theft device

Register Your Bike

Register your bike online to assist with recovery of your bike should it get lost or stolen and can also assist in the successful identification of injured cyclists. You can register at denvergov.org/bicycle

Report Graffiti

Denver Partners Against Graffiti provides graffiti removal assistance on business and residential properties within the City & County of Denver. Call 311 for free removal assistance.

Women's Self-Defense

DPD offers a FREE, comprehensive crime prevention class to that focuses on self-defense using Krav Maga techniques. These classes are advertised on DPD's Facebook page or you can contact your CRO for more information.

You can find more crime prevention tips by visiting denvergov.org/police and clicking on "Safety & Prevention".

GET INVOLVED!

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program

District 3's Neighborhood Watch program offers a partnership between officers and the community members they serve. Officers promote neighborhood connectivity by encouraging neighbors to get to know one another, reporting suspicious behavior to the police, and by creating awareness through Implicit Bias education - reminding neighbors - it's the person's behavior, not the person to be mindful of when observing and reporting suspicious behavior to the police. For more information email Christie.Mochoruk@denvergov.org

Start a Business Watch Program

The Denver Police Department's Business Watch Program is a direct partnership between DPD and businesses who serve our community. The goal of this program is to provide education about crime prevention, available resources and emergency preparedness while complementing business' already existing safety policies. For more information email Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org

DenverTrack - Auto Theft Prevention Program

Vehicle owners can visit www.denvergov.org/DenverTrack to register their vehicle and learn more about the program and additional auto theft prevention tips.

Pups On Patrol

Pups on Patrol is a program to help encourage community members to be alert and aware when walking their pet in our community. Pups on Patrol highlights the crime prevention benefits of neighbors assisting police with extra eyes and ears while out walking their dog(s).



COMMUNITY RESOURCE

The Community Resource Officer (CRO) Program provides assistance on issues such as neighbor disputes, public nuisances, zoning issues, fraud and crime prevention, and other neighborhood concerns.

CRO's attend regular meetings with neighborhood organizations to provide training on issues including the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs, commercial and home security, crime prevention, and more.

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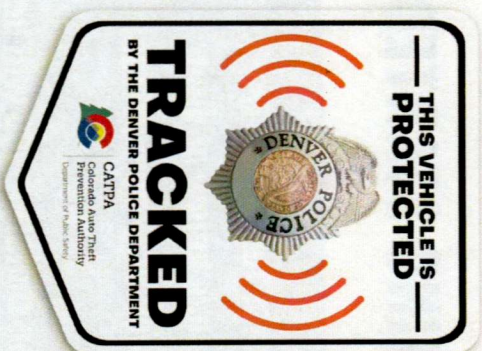
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Denver 311 and Denver Police's YouTube page are great tools for information and resources. Community Resource Officers can help keep you informed about crime prevention, crime alerts, events throughout the community and answer non-urgent questions.

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

- Always lock your car, roll up the windows and take your keys.
- Never leave the car running unattended, even for a short period.
- Park in well-lit and busy areas, which makes it harder for bad guys to break in or steal your car.
- Use an alarm system and/or steering wheel lock device, so your vehicle is less tempting to steal.
- Remove the garage door opener when parked near the house so criminals can't use it to access your house.
- Never leave belongings in your car.
- Participate in DenverTrack

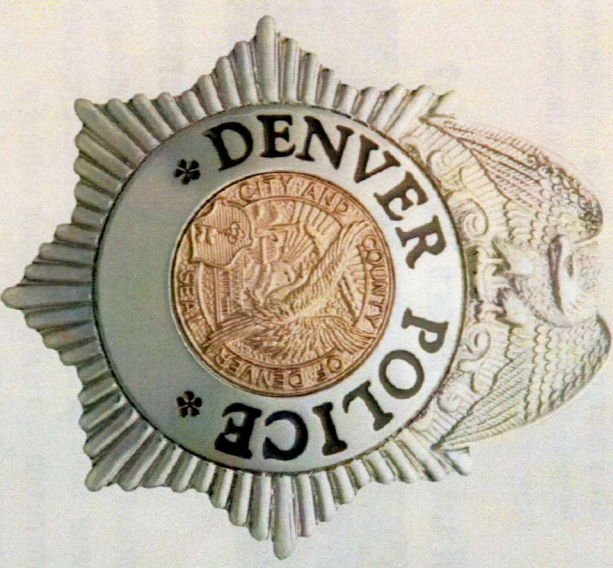


CONTACT US

Emergencies: 911 call/text
Non-emergencies: 720.913.2000
www.denvergov.org/police

DENVERTRACK

YOUR DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



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Colorado Auto Theft
Prevention Authority
Department of Public Safety



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How DenverTrack Works

The vehicle owner preauthorizes DPD access to their vehicle's GPS in the unfortunate event that their vehicle is stolen. Once the preauthorization is completed online:

- The owner calls 911 to report the vehicle stolen
- The owner states that they have filled out the authorization form and gives verbal confirmation that DPD can access the vehicle's GPS information
- DPD is able to track the car in real time and respond to its location with the goal of quickly returning the vehicle to its owner and arresting the thief.

What vehicles are trackable?

Any vehicle with an installed tracking device, including factory-installed devices, after-market devices and GPS & bluetooth tracking devices.

We need your consent

Without express written consent from the vehicle's owner, some car companies will not share real time information with law enforcement without a subpoena, which often takes several business days. This is why it is essential vehicle owners fill out the authorization form prior to their vehicle being stolen.

Is there a program fee?

Registration to DenverTrack is free and open to anyone who lives or works in Denver.

Learn more at denvergov.org/denvertrack

GETTING STARTED

To register for DenverTrack, scan the QR code below or visit denvergov.org/denvertrack.

Once you register, you will be issued two decals associated with the program to place in your vehicle, alerting thieves that your vehicle is protected by DPD.

DECAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



Place on interior driver's side window.



Place on interior of driver's side windshield where it is visible to vehicle operators.



Neighborhood Risk Management- Hilltop

PREPARED FOR: HILLTOP

DATE: APRIL 26, 2023

BY: SETH KRUMMRICH (SKRUMMRICH@GLOBALGUARDIAN.COM)

Global Guardian: Who We Are

- International security firm: operates globally every day: “Sudan to Sacramento”
- “One Button Solution” for client’s unique security situation: we reduce your risk
- Hyper-responsive: Home and Abroad combine security experts and technology
- **About Me:**
- 28+ year Special Forces Colonel, Middle East focused career
- Husband/Dad: Three children 15, 10, and 7 years old. Know the daily schedule challenges!
- Goal: Hilltop = safe environment. You are not thinking security, focused on the day ahead

Experienced Lessons Learned:



- Persistent security presence = inhospitable to crime: SCCN example
- In all cases, heavy patrolling (including K-9) over time gave way to a hybrid solution
- Complements Law Enforcement; we are “left of the event”
- Agents: What we are not (RoboCop), What we are: deterring presence, eyes, ears, unblinking technical eye

How to Secure Hilltop:

- Initial Phase: (1-3 months) Strong 24/7 visible security presence: deter crime
- Hybrid solution = (after 1-3 months) Asset Security (CCTV, Sensors) takes lead supported by local response w/ episodic daily patrols during “high crime” hours.
- You customize the final package, gives you ability to increase your security

Initial Details

Security Agents:

- 4 Agents per day w/ professional marked vehicle
- Continuity of agents ensure reliable, familiar coverage
- Background: Agents have extensive Law Enforcement and/or Military backgrounds. Experienced in crisis response and de-escalation
- All vetted / insured/ background checks. Proven experienced security agents.

Asset Security:

- Asset Security: 99.99% apprehension rate
- AI technology recognizes threats (guns, knives), suspicious activity
- Vignettes: <https://www.globalguardian.com/asset-security>



THANK YOU

