

Kittrell Community Watch Gets Crime Stoppers Update

Representatives from 35 area families attended the Kittrell Community Watch meeting, May 19, at the Kittrell Fire Station. President Edward Woodlief called the meeting to order and Marie Floyd offered the prayer.

The main topic of the meeting was Henderson-Vance Crime Stoppers. This is a voluntary citizen's organization that assists police by offering rewards for information about crimes. Lt. Irvin Robinson, of the Henderson Police Crime Prevention Unit, cited examples where citizens provided information which led to arrests. Robinson also described rigorous procedures that guarantee informants can remain anonymous, including receiving reward money with complete anonymity. Bill Lloyd, Crime Stoppers vice-president, described the organizational operation and stated that the maximum reward was recently increased from \$1000 to \$2000. Anyone can provide information about crimes by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline (**252-492-1925**) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or by anonymous tips on the web site: **HVCrimeStoppers.com**.

Detective W. B. Lilley of the Vance County Sheriff's Office briefed the group on local area criminal activity and answered several questions from the audience. He urged citizens to be security-conscious, to know their neighbors, and to lock residences at all times. He described several attempted and successful equipment thefts and break-ins, many in broad daylight. Lilley strongly urged citizens not to allow strangers into their

homes and he recommended residents keep some kind of barrier, such as a door or storm door, between them and any stranger who comes to the door.

Robinson told the group that the Henderson Police Department will host the North Carolina Crime Watch Association on June 4th. He also announced that the North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Torch Run for Special Olympics will be held on May 31st.

Before adjourning, Woodlief conducted a drawing for six door prizes and set the next meeting for July 21st, when hot dogs will be served. He urged all Kittrell-area residents to attend.



Vance County Detective Lilley, Mr Bill Lloyd, and Lt Robinson at Kittrell Community Watch Meeting 19 May 2011