

Safety and Security Committee  
March 28, 2017

We had 2 goals to accomplish this year. To develop a positive relationship between the residents of the Village of Oakland Mills and our police department, and to establish a safer environment by increasing community involvement and awareness. Both of our goals were met. The OM Outreach Officer presented information on The Neighborhood Watch, attended the Oakland Mills Fall Festival, attended the Stevens Forest Swim Party, and facilitated many Neighborhood and HOA meetings. The Bike with A Cop event was also held. We have also developed a monthly spreadsheet, tracking and analyzing crime in Oakland Mills.

This was an exciting month for our committee. Steve and I each got to “ride-along” separately with the OM Outreach Officer, Luke Buchanan. As we were shown the territories covered by each officer, it emphasized to us the need for more officers. We observed the risk taken each time an officer gets out of his car to approach a resident. We are lucky to have an officer who is committed to our community, and has an understanding of the community he serves.

We also met with Anturon to discuss and problem solve vandalism incurring on their property. The residents of Anturon were told that most crimes are crimes of opportunity. The major suggestions given were to install a fence to reduce the foot traffic, develop the sense of community with your neighbors, be a good witness when reporting suspicious activity, and to install motion sensor lighting.

We are looking forward to 2 upcoming events planned with the Safety and Security Committee.

- Anatomy of a Scam May 17 6:30-8:0
- Bike with a Cop May or June

To view crime throughout Howard County:

<https://howardcountymd.gov/departments/police>  
Police Newsroom, Police Bulletin

Howard County Police Department Facebook page