## ARCHDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING NOTES (JAN 2022)

First, thanks to all that attended and a very big thanks to Debby Flash Stephenson who offered her nice warm den as our meeting location this week! It was way better than sitting in the DCI parking lot!!

- The first topic was regarding car safety, and how important it is to lock your cars at night and NEVER leave valuables in your car! Since January 1, 2022 in Dorchester Cnty (the entire county, not just Archdale) a total of 30 guns were taken from cars parked in driveways!! That's almost 1 gun per day!! These guns get into the wrong hands and pose danger to everyone! It takes 5 seconds to grab your valuables and take them in your house.
- 2) Lt Martin brought the reported crimes list for Archdale for the month of January. I am hesitant to list street names because I am sure some of you have seen officers at certain homes. We are not given names of home owners or house numbers because it is important for individuals privacy to be protected. I am only going to list the nature of the calls for now.
  - 1 suspicious activity
  - 1 simple assault
  - 3 domestic violence calls (all in one street)
  - 1 harassment
  - 1 runaway
  - 1 fraud
  - 1 agency assist
  - 1 domestic violence
  - 1 auto theft
  - 1 information report
  - 1 information report
  - 1 information report
  - 1 auto theft
  - 3 vandalism calls (same street)
  - 1 domestic violence
  - 3 information reports
  - 1 burglary
  - 1 identification theft
  - 3 information reports

## In Waverly Place there were 8 calls

- 1 larceny
- 1 weapons violation
- 2 vehicle thefts
- 1 harassment
- 1 burglary
- 1 traffic violation
- 1 information report

The information reports range from cars being gone through, someone reporting suspicious activities or people.

- 3) Dorchester Cnty has patrolled Archdale 1170 times since 1/1/22. These are just regular patrols without being called out. They spend an average of 21 minutes patrolling each time they drive through.
- 4) Last year Archdale had 30 calls from Jan 1 to Jan 31. This year we have had 39 calls from Jan 1 to present.
- 5) And our last discussion was regarding the Noise Ordinance for Dorchester Cnty. The law has recently changed. I am waiting for the exact wording from Lt Martin and I will post once I get it. I will say that loud stereos and loud mufflers are now regarded as a nuisance and the owners can be fined. So please be considerate to your neighbors and turn your music down once you are on residential streets.