

Kittrell Community Watch gets crime update at March meeting

04.05.11 - 11:00 pm

A total of 25 local residents met on March 17 at the Kittrell Fire Station to exchange safety information and plan future activities. President Edward Woodlief called the meeting to order.

Kittrell resident Scott Ritchey discussed the importance of reflective driveway signs with large street numbers to aid emergency responders, particularly in rural areas. The Kittrell Community Watch can provide driveway signs for a nominal fee.

Lt. Irvin Robinson, Henderson Police Department liaison, provided a detailed update. He said there are now 21 active community watch organizations in Vance County, including three new groups in Henderson. Robinson cited recent cases of "community watch at work" where citizen tips led to arrests and he warned of several scams operating in the area, warning residents to beware if it "sounds too good." He also informed those attending about the Operation Medicine Drop program which collected unused or discarded medications in March for safe disposal.

Sgt. Lloyd Watkins, Vance County Sheriff's Office, discussed recent criminal activity in the county, including four attempted break-ins. Watkins also provided highlights from his recent gang awareness training in South Carolina.

Woodlief announced the next Kittrell Community Watch meeting will be May 19. The program will be on Crime Stoppers, and hot dogs will be served. Woodlief encouraged all area residents to attend and he said he plans to use a "phone tree" to help remind people of future meetings. After door prizes were awarded, he adjourned the meeting.

© hendersondispatch.com 2011

