



# HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLE PATROL VC SECURITY FOUNDATION

Newsletter

Our Neighborhood Volunteer Organization  
Serving Vermont Commons, Park Civic & Lewisdale  
Website: [vcpatrol.com](http://vcpatrol.com)

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### Deputy Casey Dobbins Overnight Patrol

My name is Casey Dobbins. I am currently employed with the Harris County Pct 1 Constables office and assigned to your area. I have been a Police Officer for over 14 yrs in different areas of assignment, like patrol, supervision, and administration. I originally got into the Law Enforcement community to continue serving after being discharged from the US Marines. I have been married to a beautiful woman for 6 yrs who also serves the community as a Nurse for Senior Citizens. We currently don't have children but wish to someday grow our family. On my off-time I enjoy fishing, hunting or just a good family gathering.



### BURGLARIES

Law enforcement sees an uptick in property crimes when the weather gets warmer. Crooks can move around more comfortably after the cold season recedes. Some youthful lawbreakers have more time on their hands when school is on a break. The neighborhood crime that our patrol deputies encounter most frequently is the nighttime burglary of parked cars and trucks.

But there are ways to drastically reduce the chance that your vehicle is the next target:

- Lock your vehicle doors.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- When you are not in your vehicle, hide valuables in the trunk or remove them.

The steps listed above cost nothing. You can also invest in prevention. Vehicle alarm systems, driveway gates and easily-noticed residential security cameras can all reduce these common crimes. Also, there are kits that truck owners can buy to make their vehicle tailgates much harder to remove. Many rims and hubcaps can be locked, too.

The steps for preventing burglaries of residences are similar.

- Keep home doors locked all the time. Use indoor lights to indicate someone is home. Outdoor security lighting, front and back, scares burglars away.
- Keep trees and bushes trimmed to reduce the number of places burglars can hide.
- Fences, gates, alarm systems and video cameras deter lawbreakers from coming on your property. Too often, residents have home alarm systems but do not activate them before leaving home.
- At the rear of residences, windows, patio doors and French doors appeal to thieves as ways to get inside. Use fortified materials and locks to make them harder to open or break.

Don't wait for a burglary to take photos of your possessions and record serial numbers of electronics, bicycles and other products. That way, your belongings may be easier to recover if you do become a break-in victim.

Also, residents who participate in patrol contracts are entitled to schedule a Precinct 1 vacation watch for homes that will be unoccupied for limited periods of time. The sign-up form is at <http://pct1constable.net/sign-up/vacation-watch/>

### CONSTABLE ACTIVITY - April *Does not include HPD investigation in our area*

Activity	Number	Activity	Number
Accident	1	Special Assignment	3
Burglar / Vehicle Alarms	5	Suspicious Person	5
Burglary / Residence	0	Theft	1
Burglary / Motor Vehicle	0	Traffic Hazard	5
Check Business	78	Traffic Stop	40
Contract Check	182	Medical Emergency	0
Disturbance / Loud Noise	4	Vacation Watch	174
Domestic Disturbance	0	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Fraudulent Use of ID	0	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Meet the Citizen	118	Vehicle Stolen	0
Meet the Officer	11	Warrant Service	1
Open Door / Window	2	Welfare Check	0
Property Found / Lost	0	Writ	2

### VC SECURITY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2016 MAY 1, 2016 - APRIL 30, 2017

Cash Balance May 1, 2016	\$109,830
Income Received	120,108
Expenses Paid	<u>84,511</u>
Cash Balance April 30, 2017	\$145,427
Liability: Remaining balance on Constable's Contract for 2017-2018	\$63,952

Note 1. Constable Contract runs March 1 through February 28. It is paid monthly.

Note 2. We currently have 352 paid memberships

### Reminders for Members:

1. Please be sure your sign is displayed conspicuously.
2. Notice that you can now connect to Vacation Watch from our website: [www.vcpatrol.com](http://www.vcpatrol.com)