

SECURITY & SAFETY TASKFORCE

REPORT OF FINDINGS

February 2001

After the unfortunate drowning incident last Fall the Security & Safety Task Force, comprised of Dave Feld, Bob Foster, Jack Hyde and George McLennan, was formed to determine what the community could do to:

1. Minimize the risk of future accidents and injury to people inside and outside the community
2. Facilitate communications between emergency officials and the community
3. Improve our capability to respond to emergency situations.

This objective was accomplished through numerous meetings with the police, fire and rescue teams, WID personnel, individuals within the community, special consultants, and members of other community associations.

This effort resulted in a number of action items related to improving community property and administrative and emergency procedures. Many of the items came out of the security audit that was done for us without cost by Officer Josh Brown of the Fairfax County Police Department. His recommendations are designated by "CPTED," which stands for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, which is the type of audit that was done.

The action items are split into two sets. The first set, some of which have already been or are being implemented, will be completed before the beach season starts using funds already designated for that purpose. The second set has a lower priority and will be addressed as part of LBA's long term planning and budgeting.

ACTION ITEMS

| COMMON PROPERTY |
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| BEING DONE - Require that all boats be locked down. (CPTED) - Foster is implementing. |
| BEING DONE - Remove all boats without current stickers, lot numbers or locks. Also remove all decaying and poorly maintained boats and other materials from common property. (CPTED) - Foster is implementing. |
| Clean and/or replace lenses on existing lighting fixtures. (CPTED) - Rauth will coordinate with VEPCO. |
| Thin or eliminate the undergrowth around the perimeter of the Beach 5 gazebo area to allow increase surveillance by neighbors, Watch patrols and security patrols. Clean up trash, liquor bottles, and other debris that have accumulated in the perimeter area. (CPTED) - Rauth will take care of trash, trim shrubs and remove undergrowth. |
| Install a fence around Beach 4 boat storage area using 1-inch green chain link. Thorny barberry, pyrocantha or certain holly plants can be used to mask fence without blocking view to allow surveillance. Add signs that clearly indicate risks and penalties for illegal use of private property. (CPTED) - Rauth to implement. Cost will be \$10 to \$13 per foot for the fence plus plants. Total cost will range from \$\$3000 to \$4000. |
| Install light control at Beach 5 and gazebo area so that lights are on <u>only</u> when there is an approved activity taking place, such as a key control for the pole-mounted lights. (CPTED) - Rauth to implement. |
| Trim trees where they have grown up around light poles and block some of the light. Trim or eliminate plantings around beaches and boat storage areas where they have grown to obstruct views and provide hiding places. Beach 3 is a particular problem. (CPTED) - Rauth to coordinate tree trimming for blocked lighting with VEPCO and will trim shrubs at Beach 3 and other areas to improve visibility. |
| Install more lighting, including sensor lighting, on signs and boat racks. (CPTED) - Community participation needed to implement (determine specific locations, amount of lighting, costs, etc.). |

| COMMUNICATIONS |
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| Give new residents a package of safety and security materials. This could be part of a larger package of materials given to all new residents with information about the community such as architectural guidelines, schools, churches, etc. - Community participation needed to implement. |
| Designate the LBA President and LBA attorney as sole media spokespersons in those instances when there is the potential for subsequent litigation. Prior to any interviews or release of information to the media, the two spokespersons shall confer. - LBA Board to implement. |

ACTION ITEMS (CONT.)

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| PROCEDURES |
| DONE - Hire a safety/security consultant to conduct an audit of our facilities and processes. - Officer Brown & Jack Hyde have completed. |
| Evaluate adequacy of LBA liability insurance coverage and insure that policies are provided at lowest practical cost. - Forsberg to implement. |
| Meet with insurance company representatives to identify and evaluate possible measures for improving security and safety of our physical facilities and reducing risk of liability. - Forsberg to implement. |

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| SECURITY |
| BEING DONE - Extend the period during which we use seasonal security patrols. - McLennan is expanding patrols to the period 1 May through 30 September. |
| Train residents living adjacent to common property to be alert for and report unusual activity. (CPTED) - Community participation needed to implement. |

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| POLICE/FIRE/RESCUE INTERACTION |
| DONE - Encourage fire and rescue officials to use the Lake and other facilities for training seminars and drills to insure that all shifts are properly trained. |
| DONE - Meet with police officials, fire department officials to identify and evaluate possible measures for improving security and safety of our physical facilities. |
| Install electrical outlets at each beach for use by fire and rescue teams. - Rauth to investigate feasibility with VEPCO. |
| Prepare an emergency response plan for the community that would include a list of key residents to be contacted in the event of an emergency. The key contacts list will be distributed to police, fire and rescue authorities. It would also identify community boat owners who will volunteer their barges for emergency use by police, fire and rescue teams. - Community participation needed to implement. |

ACTION ITEMS FOR LONG TERM PLANNING

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| Provide improved access to the Lake for emergency equipment (improve the boat ramps), particularly at Beach 4, i.e., straighten and widen ramp. (Rescue team) |
| Close Duff Drive and the end of Beachway Drive. |
| Fence off silt storage areas and limit surrounding vegetation to enhance security of these sites. (CPTED) |
| Develop a water safety program for the broader community. Contact Hispanic media channels about running PSA's on water safety. |
| Rejuvenate Neighborhood Watch program and coordinate Watch patrols with paid security patrols to make best use of limited resources and minimize paid security costs. (CPTED) |
| Provide safety and rescue equipment at each beach. |
| Give Fire Department Co. 10 a boat equipped with floodlights. |