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CONSTABLE Patrol Program



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- **Yard sign indicating home is patrolled by the Constable**
- **Dedicated officer for Cherryhurst**
- **Dedicated phone number, faster response times**
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- **Home security inspections to find, reduce vulnerabilities**
- **Monthly bulletins and updates regarding security and crime**
- **Decal for your car**

Program is privately funded by your direct contributions.

There are approximately 220 residential properties in the Cherryhurst area, roughly 175 owner occupied and the rest being absentee owners. The more subscribers we have, the lower the subscription price will be per property to cover our annual fee to the Constable Patrol. Please read the reverse side of this flyer for more information about the Constable Patrol.

If you would like to contact us for any reason:
cherryhurstconstablepatrol@gmail.com

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Date	For
March 1, 2024	March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025 Cherryhurst Constable Patrol

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 (place in the mailbox to the left of the front door) or drop it in the mail.
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HELP KEEP CRIME OUT OF CHERRYHURST

Help support our community and subscribe to keep the Constable Patrol!



To provide more accurate information about the program, below is a summary and a link to a Rice Kinder Institute report to review and learn more about the Constable program. The Rice Kinder report helps to explain some of the basics of what each law enforcement department within Harris County does, where law enforcement overlap exists, and what may or may not work to reduce crime in residential neighborhoods like ours - none of which is to eliminate the need for contract constables.

Key Takeaways of the Kinder Report.

1. Harris County's public safety comprises the HPD, Sheriff's office, and Constables, some paid through our tax dollars and some augmented by neighborhoods that would like to provide extra security. Some neighborhoods do not use the Contract Constable program but instead hire private security companies, such as Seal, which are not part of the Rice Kinder Institute report.
2. Contracted constables that patrol the contracted areas are not working overtime or off-duty - i.e., they are not "moonlighting." They are contracted specifically to provide most, if not all, of their duty time to the neighborhood(s) that are contracted for them.
3. The Harris County Constable Offices (HCCO) augment HPD and the Harris County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement within their respective precincts, and the extent of the HCCO's growth of the contract program in various precincts has been directly affected by the City of Houston's unwillingness to annex additional unincorporated areas of Harris County.
4. The contracted constables are not being pulled away from other locations or duties within their precinct - the Constable Office probably would not employ these officers at all if it were not for the contract with the contracting neighborhood(s). In other words, the contracting civic associations (such as Cherryhurst and Mandell-Winlow) pay the majority (in some cases 100%) of the contracted deputies' salaries. The Constable probably could not afford to hire the additional deputies without the neighborhood contract. The contracted constable program helps to put more law enforcement on the streets in localized areas - this benefits everyone, including and maybe even especially in the regions that cannot afford to pay for additional contract Constables because the contract program is adding more public safety officers than the city and county can otherwise afford under the current tax base.
5. See the full Rice Kinder Report here: <https://kinder.rice.edu/research/collaborations-and-overlapping-services-harris-county-law-enforcement>

Some Statistics. Our HPD "beat" area is Beat 1A30 (Cherryhurst, Mandell Place, Montrose). HPD reports to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), and the data can be downloaded from here:

<https://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/index-2.htm>

The downloaded NIBRS spreadsheet shows almost 250,000 reported incidents citywide for the year 2022, of which 3,013 were in beat 1A30. For the streets and address ranges for Cherryhurst, the NIBRS spreadsheet reveals a total of 15 incidents reported in our neighborhood:

California: 8 (6 at Ramen Tatsuya)	Missouri: 1	Cherryhurst: 1	Haver: 0	Fairview: 1
Yupon: 1	Windsor: 1	Ridgewood: 0	Mandell: 2	

A more user-friendly tool is the Community Crimes Map that HPD makes available, where one can search for the 77006 zip code and then zoom in to see crimes in Cherryhurst proper. Then, zoom out to see the extent of the crime around us. This map shows that from 3/1/22 to 3/1/23, Cherryhurst had 20 reported crimes.

https://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/Community_Crime_Map_hosted_by_LexisNexis.htm

These data sources indicate that the Constable program works. The reported crime in our neighborhood is much lower than in the general area, which is not under a Constable contract program. It is essential to realize that some crimes will always occur at some time or another; however, the Constable Patrol has kept and kept the crime rate low in Cherryhurst. No amount of police presence will eliminate crime, but the Constable patrol certainly goes a long way in deterring violent crime.

