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RANCH RAMBLINGS FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE

Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

As we move into the new year, the Hope Ranch staff and I would like to wish everyone greetings for 2023 and we hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. The following is a brief recap of the winter occurrences and some notes on what is coming up in the near future.

We have had quite the welcome to the new year, with several heavy rainstorms in a row hitting the Ranch and all the southland hard, and unless you've been off planet lately, you've noticed the effects in the Ranch yourself, or in the news, all the way to national tv coverage and the front page of the New York Times!

With all that rain came the resulting damage to the Ranch and the surrounding common areas, and your Ranch maintenance crew worked a lot of hours getting the Ranch cleaned up, the drains cleared, the fallen trees cut, and the roads back open. There was a tremendous amount of run-off due to the heavy rains, which brought a lot of water and mud flow onto the roads as well as our members' properties, and it damaged 5 separate bridge trails. Among the clean up performed by Sergio and Christian Rodriguez and their crew, in addition to shoring up the bridge trails and helping some owners with their properties, were 10 fallen trees, 4 mud slides on our private roads, and in the span of 4 days, 20 tons of rock, kelp and tree debris were removed from the drain at the beach! Please know that a good part of that work involved Christian down in the 'tunnel' under the beach turnaround, by hand, facilitating the rock removal apparatus and process! (Yes, I am negotiating the movie rights with Christian.) So, when you see the crew around the Ranch, please give them a wave and a 'thank you'... if your window is down.

Also in 2023, the recent wave of pickleball mania is reaching our shores. If you have not heard of pickleball, please reference my 'off

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

FEBRUARY 14TH

ABR BOARD
MEETING

3:30 PM

3820 STATE ST.

FEBRUARY 20TH

OFFICE CLOSED

PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 28TH

BOARD MEETING *

3:00 PM

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MARCH 14TH

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3:30PM

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MARCH 28TH

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3:00PM

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*Board Candidates
appointed by acclamation
No Annual Meeting

planet' statement above. There are several plans currently submitted to the ABR for the construction of pickleball courts, and while the sport is becoming ever more popular, the main drawback to the placement of pickleball courts is the noise the game generates, which can be quite loud as the ball is plastic (or a slightly quieter rubber), the paddles are a rigid plastic or rubber, and the impact of the ball against the paddle (or racquet, depending on who you talk to), can be up to 82 decibels. This is also the type of noise that tends to carry. As you can imagine, our current Building Guidelines do not have a specific provision for pickleball courts, they only address 'sport courts,' used historically and almost exclusively as tennis courts, and tennis generates a lower sound level.

There are many issues as one can fathom, from the right of a Member to build and enjoy what they like on their property, to the right of a neighboring Member to the quiet enjoyment of their property, to the possible diminution of value of a neighboring property at the time of sale of the neighboring property. This naturally brings about consideration of the balancing of interests, and the facts and location of a pickleball court, as a court abutting a neighboring property or street will have a much different impact on one's neighbors than would a court built in the middle of a large property where no neighboring properties could hear the game being played. Please know that the Board of Directors will be investigating these issues as they are being handled nationwide, and we will be holding a Town Hall for the Members to weigh in with their views.

We will also be working with Laguna Blanca School to schedule a Town Hall to discuss the school's plans for the future, and while there has been some backup when leaving the Ranch in the afternoon, it appears to be mostly from the lane closures from the Via Senda portion of the multi-use path project (which should hopefully be nearing completion), as the Ranch has received only a few complaints about the backup and school traffic. We wanted to schedule the Town Hall in January, but our schedules and the weather decided otherwise.

On the multi-use path project and the next phase along Modoc, we have been told that the plans for this phase will be determined later this year, and we have a meeting set with the County personnel responsible, where we will be discussing our interests and concerns for this project. Please know that we spoke with the County last year and voiced our concerns about the path after Via Senda onto the Modoc portion, and the County seemed to take our suggestions for traffic safety to heart, and we will reiterate these concerns in detail during our next meeting. Please feel free to contact our office with your concerns and questions in the meantime. We will request some type of Town Hall with the County if Member interest so

requires, and IF we can arrange one with County personnel in attendance.

You may have seen in our local papers about plans for multi-unit housing on the Macy's property, and one of the proposed plans is the project of a Hope Ranch Member. We will be trying to schedule a Town Hall discussion for Members in June of this year, as that is the earliest opportunity for the parties involved.

Lastly, for those of you who missed it, the Hope Ranch Office has moved into its new location, at 3820 State Street, Suite C; the old IBM Building, as those as old as I am will always call it. We held an Open House after our Board Meeting on January 24, which was a well-attended, festive, and enjoyable affair! If you have not been able to come by the new office yet, we welcome you to stop by any time, and view the great historical documents unearthed in the move, now mounted on the walls!

Once again, I've put a lot of information on your screens, and if you've read this far, thank you again! There is a lot on tap for the Ranch in the coming months, and we'll do our best to keep you posted, but as always, if you have any questions, please contact the office!

I would like to leave you with a picture of my dog Yolanda, providing Jill her views on the new office.



"We need more dog treats in the office!"

Marco Del Chiaro
President, Hope Ranch Park Owners Association



Sunrise on Las Palmas January 13, 2023

Message from the General Manager

Happy February! It is a beautiful sunny day today, one would never know a few short weeks ago our beach looked like the surface of the moon and our bridle trails were a mushy, muddy mess.

But we are here now, as they say. Conditions have much improved. Sand is starting to return and some of the trails have been restored. The long term plans for our beach area are starting to take shape. A meeting of the Beach Infrastructure Committee, maintenance and ABR was very productive in setting priorities for the coming months. Tony and I are partnering to steer the restoration of much of the beach infrastructure. We have already met with a geologist to get eyes on our more vulnerable spots (the cliff along the road down to the turnaround, and the upper bridle trail behind the lockers). We hope to bring solutions to the board in the next month or so with a plan to go forward so our beach is ready for the spring and summer.

I feel it bears repeating that our maintenance crew were rock stars last month. Kudos to their efforts and dedication to ensure the roads were clear of debris, drains were flowing, and downed trees were removed expeditiously. I also have to mention that response from the County to flooding on Las Palmas and Roble was also handled timely despite all the calls they had to field. They came out the same day each time we called them.

BEACH CLEAN UP EVENT

I am thinking it might be fun to do a beach cleanup day at the end of the month. Hoping more sand returns and the tide cooperates so we can tackle the trash on a Saturday morning for a few hours. Keep your eyes open for an email blast from me when we have it figured out. Hope Ranch will provide coffee and hot chocolate and the trash bags of course. It feels like a good opportunity to bring the members together. Stay tuned.

BEACH BATHROOMS ACCESS CONTROL

One of the takeaway's from last year was the amount of clean up required in the beach bathrooms. Because these areas are not locked, and open to anyone coming up from the beach, they require multiple inspections and clean up per week. At the December meeting of the Board, approval was given to convert those bathrooms to a key fob entry system. Each member will receive the same number of fobs as they have beach cards. They attach to your key chain. The fobs will not require an annual fee but a fee of \$25 will be charged if they are lost and need replacing. We hope to have this system installed early March at which time we will have a Saturday fob distribution down at the beach turn around. You will also be able to pick them up at our office. Future details to follow. While some may feel locking these bathrooms takes away from the nostalgic feel down at the beach, times have changed, and we have to change with them in order to keep residents safe and our common areas secured.

WATCH GROUPS FORMING IN THE RANCH

In response to my emails regarding recent prowlers, some residents have responded by creating their own neighborhood watch group on their street. I strongly encourage you to do the same. Reach out to your neighbors, exchange cell numbers, text each other if you see suspicious vehicles or activity on your street. Do not hesitate to text or call Patrol on their vehicle cell 805-800-9002. The more eyes we have on our community the better.

What are some of the benefits of starting a Watch Group?

Partnerships with Law Enforcement and your Neighbors

Reduction in Crime

A More Secure and Better Prepared Hometown

A More United Community

Improved Communications

More good news! My office has reached out to SBCHP who is cooperating with providing an additional presence in the community. These officers will be performing random 8 hour shifts around our community to slow down the speeders and look for suspicious activity with Patrol.

Also, be assured that Santa Barbara Sheriff's are working very hard to follow up on these prowler incidents. They are making some progress thanks to our Patrol reports and flock camera access. Stay alert!

I'll see you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1.20.23)

CONCEPTUAL (13)

Arteaga	4235 Cresta Ave.
Antonova	4403 Via Abrigada
Lowe	4121Creciente Dr.
Newton	4343 Marina Dr.
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Shefflin	4135 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Newcombe	14452 Via Esperanza
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta
Goodall	700 Via Tranquila
Sorensen	4220 Mariposa

Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna
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PRELIMINARY (6)

Arntz	1489 Cantera
Benz	4660 Via Huerto
Sidhu	4101 Mariposa
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive

Cartagena 1060 Monte

Pasquinelli 4055 Mariposa

FINAL (5)

Cuttcliffe 410 Via Dichosa

Barrett Properties 450 Via Dichosa

Miskulin 915 Camino Medio

Stewart 4045 Marina

Roblata Hldgs 4629 Via Roblada



PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Patrol Supervisor

November 16 11:08AM – Patrol received a report from the Sheriff's department about an alarm activation on Via Sinuosa. Patrol responded and found the front door was slightly open. The Sheriff's responded and cleared the interior of the house without incident. The Resident also responded to the scene.

November 17 1:49PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Mariposa who reported that her donkey's mane had been cut and her horse's mane had been singed. Patrol responded and patrol noticed the donkey's mane had been trimmed horizontally along the neck and the top had a straight trim. The horse's mane appeared to be singed along the neck area. The area around the corrals was checked and there was no found hair left behind. It was reported an exterior fence, which had been down, was repaired. Patrol suggested the Residents call the SB County animal services and install cameras overlooking the corral area.

UPDATE: The following day the Resident advised patrol that early that morning (2am), the Resident noticed a person on their front lawn and called the Sheriffs who responded. The area was checked, and no one was found. NOTE: There have been no subsequent issue(s) reported on the property.

November 17 6:53PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cresta who reported her vehicle missing from her driveway, which she last saw 13 days prior (Nov. 4th). The Resident was not initially concerned since the vehicle is shared by family members of the Resident. UPDATE: The Resident later advised patrol that the vehicle was recovered during an arrest in Thousand Oaks of a subject who also had stolen items inside the vehicle at the time. Patrol followed up and noticed the FLOCK license plate reader camera on Las Palmas picked up the vehicle leaving on Nov. 9th at 1:39am.

November 19 1:13PM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Huerto and the 4600-blk. of Via Carretas, patrol noticed 2 separate construction violations (No Saturday authorization to work). Patrol contacted workers at the properties and the work was stopped. Also addressed was the parking of construction vehicles parked on the bridle trails. NOTE: Construction hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Sat. work needs prior authorization from the HR bldg. dept. No Sun. work. No work on (Listed) holidays. Thank you.

November 20 10:30AM – While patrolling Las Palmas and Las Olas, patrol noticed a male who appeared to be homeless. The male was wearing camo clothing and carrying a red sleeping bag and a white tote. Patrol contacted the male and provided directions out the Ranch. The male exit out the Ranch on Las Palmas and was last seen walking north on Modoc.

November 21 8:56AM – Patrol received a report from the superintendent of a construction crew working on the 4000-blk. of Marina who reported the theft of tools from the construction site over the weekend. There was no sign of forced entry, but the property did have some existing openings along a neighboring street. The total value of the tools was between \$2,000-\$2,500. Patrol sent a link of the Sheriff's online reporting system to the superintendent. NOTE: It was reported a worker on the property noticed a person with a motorcycle looking towards the property several weeks prior (No actual date provided), however, it was never reported until now.

November 23 9:00AM – Patrol received a report from an anonymous caller reporting a homeless person pushing a shopping cart along Las Palmas Dr. near Via Bendita. Patrol responded and noticed a passerby in a work truck had stopped to assist the homeless male who was barefoot and had been pushing his cart in the cold. The cart and belongings were being loaded in the back of the truck and the male was taken to Hendry's beach.

November 24 1:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Marina Dr. who reported that her guest was the victim of a reported hit & run. The Resident said her guest's vehicle was turning into the Resident's driveway when a blue vehicle struck her from behind, causing significant damage, then leaving west on Marina. Patrol used the Flock license plate reader cameras and the look-out cameras and found the suspected vehicle, a blue Dodge Charger. Patrol advised the guest to report it to CHP, which was done. Patrol assisted CHP by providing the vehicle info, including the plate #.
UPDATE: The suspect vehicle was found by CHP who investigated the reported Hit & Run.

November 27 1:50PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident reporting a loose horse on the More Mesa Preserve. The Sheriff's department had also received a report of a found horse on the Preserve. Patrol was guided to the location where a female had fallen off her horse and broke her leg. Patrol provided directions to the fire department and ambulance that responded to the scene.

November 28 10:38AM – Patrol received an assistance request from the Sheriff's department who was at the scene of an alarm activation on Llano with a Spanish speaking employee. The initial understanding of what had happened during the time the alarm was triggered was a person had accessed the property and left the scene in a vehicle. Patrol was able to confirm with the Resident the alarm was accidentally set off by a person who was allowed to be there. The alarm was deemed a false (accidental) alarm.

November 28 6:30PM – Patrol received a report from the property manager of a vacant property on Via Huerto who reported an alarm activation at the property. The Sheriff's department also responded. While conducting a perimeter check, an unlocked door was found. Sheriff's deputies (at gun-point) and patrol cleared the interior of the home without

incident. The property manager was advised to secure the door, which was not securable without a key. NOTE: It was gusty at the time.

December 02 10:10AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Esperanza who reported a dog left unattended inside a vehicle. Patrol responded and checked with the dog's owner who advised the dog was okay and is never left for long periods of time. Patrol noticed the dog was in good spirits and there was nothing to indicate any concern for the dog. Patrol noted it was cloudy and the temperature was 55 degrees.

December 04 5:30PM – While patrolling Via Laguna at the rear entrance to the LCCC, patrol recognized a transient walking along Modoc near the entrance. Patrol monitored the area, and the male was last seen walking along Modoc away from the entrance.

December 06 10:48AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a person who according to the Resident, looked "Disheveled", standing on Via Esperanza at a specific address. Patrol responded and contacted a male who patrol learned lives at the provided address. The male was understanding of the contact.

December 07 11:43AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported an injured seagull at HR beach. Patrol provided access to the SB Wildlife Care Network (SB WCN) who rescued the seagull. NOTE: For reporting an injured bird in the Ranch, please call the SB WCN at 805-681-1080 (Main Line) or 805-680-1120 (Cell).

December 08 6:36PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that his vehicle had made contact with the beach gate when exiting and the gate was now in an improper position. Patrol spoke to the Resident who said that as he was exiting, he was dealing with his dogs inside his car when he pulled up too close and the gate bumped his car while it was stationary. The vehicle did not sustain

any damage, but the gate was found in a partially open position. Patrol reset the gate, which did not sustain any damage. The Resident said he reported the incident to be accountable should there have been any damage.

December 12 8:07AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident about a large tree down and completely blocking Las Olas. Patrol responded and the Ranch maintenance crew cleared the tree and reopened the roadway.

December 15 4:16PM – Patrol received a couple reports from a Residents about a person with a shopping cart on Las Palmas. Patrol responded and made a casual contact from across the roadway with a female who was pushing a shopping cart with a lot of personal belongings south on Las Palmas by the Map parcel. The female was talking to herself and rambled about various topics. Patrol advised the female about roadway conditions in the Ranch and that it would get dark soon, offering help – The female declined. The female continued walking south through the Ranch along the county roadway, talking loudly as she went along. Patrol monitored and at one point it involved having to provide lighting for the female as she pushed the cart in the dark. The female was last seen exiting the Ranch onto Cliff Dr. from Marina.

December 16 2:22PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Laguna who reported that a chandelier inside the garage of her home under construction was found thrown on the ground. The Resident said the chandelier was inside a box in a difficult location to get to inside the garage, and nothing else was found out of place. The Resident advised access was made onto the property by cutting the ties/wires on the fencing. Cameras on the property were not working at the time.

December 16 8:48PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed CHP units, a tow truck and a silver Toyota Camry with some front-end damage on

the side of the road. Patrol learned the incident was a Hit & Run that also involved a black Acura and it occurred on highway 101/ La Cumbre bridge overpass. The Toyota ended up in the Ranch where CHP responded to investigate, ultimately towing the Toyota away.

December 17 6:37PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident reporting a female transient on Las Palmas and Via Laguna. The Sheriff's department also got a call and was responding. Patrol located a homeless female sitting on the side of the road. The female was recognized as previously being in the Ranch, which resulted in being transported out by the Sheriff's department. The female made several unusual comments, and it was learned the female did not have any legitimate business in the Ranch. The female asked for transportation to a bus stop on La Cumbre Rd., which the Sheriff's provided.

December 20 9:03AM – While patrolling Estrella near Marina, patrol noticed scattered mail on the roadway along Estrella. Patrol collected the mail that belonged to one single address, which patrol found to be under construction. The mail had not been collected in at least one week. Patrol placed the mail inside the (Unsecured) mailbox with a patrol notice with details. Patrol followed up with the owner of the Residence.

December 20 10:47PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that at around 9:15pm, while driving on Las Palmas, a person in a passing vehicle going in the opposite direction threw a beer can at his windshield. The suspect vehicle was described as either a silver or gray Saturn. The Resident chased the Saturn, which eventually fled away. The Resident returned home and reported the incident to patrol. Patrol checked the Flock license plate reader cameras and found images of the Saturn, including the plate #. Note: Per Flock, no prior visits to the Ranch in the previous 30 days. Ultimately, the Resident decided not to pursue the matter further and did not want to involve the CHP.



December 21 3:12PM – Patrol received a request for assistance by the Sheriff's department to respond to Via Bendita and Via Huerto (East-end) and assist a cyclist who came up the beach and was now lost. The cyclist's cell phone was locked and was not able to use his navigation app. Patrol found the male cyclist who was in good spirits and declined any medical attention. Patrol provided the male a paper copy of a map with some directions on exiting the Ranch. Prior to leaving, the male's phone started working again.

December 21 7:30PM – While patrolling Vieja Dr. near Via Tranquila, patrol noticed a couple inside a parked vehicle. Patrol contacted the couple who left without incident.

December 22 10:11AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a transient laying down along Marina Dr. Patrol responded and located a female transient and warned her about trespassing. Patrol monitored and the female exited the Ranch without incident.

December 23 3:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male who made his way to the HR beach facilities from the beach and was acting strange and dancing doing pirouettes. Patrol responded and located a male walking on the turnaround back to the sand area. The male was self-engaged and was making rapid arm movements. The male was last seen walking west along the beach towards More Mesa. Patrol checked the beach structures, and all appeared to be in order.

December 23 7:50PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Laguna Blanca Dr. who reported a burglary to his home. The Sheriff's also responded to the scene and investigated the incident. Patrol learned forced entry was made into the home through a 2nd story access point while no one was home. Various items of value were stolen during the burglary. The Resident advised there was evidence

access was made to and/or from the golf course directly behind the Residence, which backs up to a neighboring community where evidence was found that a section of the chain-link fencing had at one point been scaled over. The house alarm was ON at the time, but the area of activation was not triggered.

December 27 8:10PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Glorieta who reported that a suspicious person was on his property the prior evening. The Resident said that his SUV alarm went off in the morning hours and no one was seen at the time. Nothing was taken and there was no damage found. The Resident checked his camera and found an older male wearing sport pants with white side stripes, dark sneakers, a fluffy jacket, and a hoodie, was captured on camera by the main door but he did not ring the doorbell. The Residence is ungated.

December 28 1:44PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported finding a pair of Apple Air-Pods at the tennis courts on Las Palmas. Note: Please call patrol at 805-800-9002 if you lost a pair of Air-Pods. The Air-Pods case have distinctive markings.

December 31 PM hours – Storm Watch - While patrolling the Ranch, patrol noted heavy rain and wind, with a flood warning advisory in effect. The area in front of the HR beach cabana was flooded. A tree came down on Via Cayente & Via Esperanza and patrol coned it off. On Las Palmas, a vehicle with a young adult male driver was involved in a vehicle accident and got stuck on the side of the road where the usual flooding occurs. A tow truck was called to remove the vehicle.

January 1 11:35AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported some tree limbs down and blocking a lane on Via Fruteria. Patrol coned off the limbs and the Ranch maintenance crew cleared the limbs from the roadway.

January 1 5:50PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who called saying she was uncomfortable with a female who was walking past her house. Patrol responded and recognized the female as a transient from previous contacts. The female was acting unusual, pretending to talk on an invisible phone, which she has previously done. The female asked for a ride outside of the Ranch, which patrol provided without incident.

January 4 9:32AM – While conducting a vacation check of a residence on Via Tranquila, patrol found an unlocked door leading into the home. Patrol contacted the Resident who would have someone secure the door. Note: When leaving on vacation, please lock all your doors and windows. Thank you.

January 4 11:52AM – While conducting a check of HR beach, patrol noticed a young adult male, 20's, standing at the threshold of the cabana locker structure. Patrol noticed the male had a hoodie, a backpack and was barefoot. Patrol contacted the male and learned he had walked up the beach heading north enroute to Oregon from Arizona. Due to the stormy weather and unsafe conditions with the ocean surf along the beach, patrol provided transportation to the male out the Ranch without incident.

January 5 1:26PM – Patrol was contacted by a Resident on Las Palmas who reported that he suspected someone had entered his garage as some antique holiday lights were missing. The Resident changed the code to his garage and would be adding cameras to his property.

January 5 6:55PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Monte who reported that it appeared that his vacant home, listed for sale, was broken into through a window. The Resident said he found a water faucet running and some water got into the garage area. The Resident said it appeared the person who made entry turned off the Wi-Fi so the cameras on the property lost connection. A key to a

specific door was taken. The Resident would secure the door that had the missing key. The Resident decided not to contact the Sheriff's department on the matter.

January 7 8:23AM – Patrol received several reports from Residents about a homeless female pushing a shopping cart on Marina, then in the middle of the road on Las Palmas Dr. The female made her way through the Ranch and exited out the Ranch.

January 7 4:00PM – While patrolling Las Palmas and Via Laguna, patrol noticed a transient male making his way north on Las Palmas. The male is known to suffer from mental health issues. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen exiting out the Ranch.

January 9 AM/PM – Storm Watch Part 2.... While checking HR beach, patrol noticed the creek at the beach had spilled over and a river of water was running down the cabana walkway down to the beach along the turnaround. Patrol closed vehicle access to the turnaround. Several trees also went down in various areas of the Ranch, which were quickly addressed by various work crews. On Cuervo, 2 fallen trees caused damage to a power line and blocked the entire roadway. The SB County fire department, SC Edison, and a private tree company all responded. Street flooding was reported on Las Palmas at several locations and at the "Roble turn", water/mud run-off covered the roadway. Along the beach trail system, patrol noticed a section of trail between the beach cottage the turnaround was washed away. Patrol closed the area with yellow caution tape and barricades. Note: The Ranch GM communicated pictures and videos to residents, keeping them informed of the storm impact to the Ranch.

January 11 7:00PM – Patrol received several reports from Residents about a homeless male walking south on Las Palmas by the golf course, then by Cayente. Patrol checked and found a homeless male sleeping on the driveway entrance to a property on

Via Cayente just up from Las Palmas. The male made some unusual comments to patrol when contacted. Patrol advised the male he was on private property and needed to leave. Patrol monitored the male's progress and was last seen north on Las Palmas. A bit later when patrolling on Las Palmas, patrol noticed the same male laying down sleeping at another driveway along Las Palmas. Patrol contacted the male again and he was last seen exiting in the direction of La Cumbre.

January 24 11:32AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male walking south on Las Palmas with some personal items. Patrol contacted the male and learned he was a traveler who was lost – Going north but walking south. Patrol gave the male directions north along Las Palmas and was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

January 25 12:50PM – While conducting a vacation check on Cantera Ave., patrol found an unlocked 2nd story balcony door with direct access into the house. Patrol contacted the Resident who would have someone lock up the door. Nothing else of concern was found during the check.

January 26 12:19PM – Patrol received a call from the Sheriff's department who requested assistance with an alarm activation on Cresta Ave. Patrol responded and met an employee who helped determine the cause of the alarm activation. An unsecure 2nd story bedroom window was found and was believed to have been left unlocked by a person showing the house. Nothing else of concern was found during the check.

Frank's safety tip of the month

From reading the patrol report covering activity for the last few months and recent emails sent by the Ranch GM, it is a good time to recap and talk about safety measures you can take to better safeguard your property. Here are some stats to help better

understand how and when these burglaries are occurring and where thieves are focusing on once in the target home. Here are some stats from break ins:

63% Did have alarms on – Note: At least one alarm was only set for 1st floor. Make sure you set alarm for entire house, not just 1st floor.

100% of the cases did NOT have a vacation form (Only 2 were on actual vacation)

Although break-ins can happen any day, 36% happened on a Friday, 18% happened on Thursday.

Although break-ins can happen any time, the Average time: 7:35pm

Target areas: Master Bedrooms / Closets
Items located away and well hidden from these areas will be less of a target.

2nd story windows/doors off roofs or balconies have been access points used by thieves.

Items targeted: Jewelry, money, purses, safes.

-Wi-Fi Cameras around the property with real time reporting, especially in areas with openings to locations like the golf course, or an unprotected perimeter, offer an easy access point to thieves.

-Secure perimeters that have openings.

-Set your alarms throughout the entire house, even if you are just going out for a walk or just running to the store for a few minutes.

-Hide high value items in an area outside your bedroom/master closets.

During some recent prowling calls, the doorbell was rung, likely to see if there was a response (Checking to see if anyone is home or not.)

Stay safe and don't hesitate to give patrol a call at (805) 800-9002 – Cell or (805) 967-8335.