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Private Security

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE LAKE HOLIDAY SECURITY DEPARTMENT PROVIDE?

This question has been asked frequently by many members of the Association. I would like to take the opportunity to explain the daily tasks of the Lake Holiday Security Department. There are many different objectives within the job description of a security officer here at Lake Holiday. The primary objective of the Security Department is the enforcement of the L.H.P.O.A. RULES & REGULATIONS. Most rule violations are reported to the Security Department by residents, while other violations are witnessed by Lake Holiday Security Department staff during routine patrol. Once the violation is called in to or witnessed by the Security staff, contact is made with the subject(s) that are violating a rule. In some occasions, rule violations are handled with a warning citation or a citation with a fine.

We also assist the LaSalle County Sheriffs Department on a daily basis. LSCO handles all criminal calls to service in Lake Holiday. The LSCO Deputies also patrol Lake Holiday for traffic violations. We also work closely with the Investigation Team at LSCO for informational purposes when requested.

Many residents contact Lake Holiday Private Security to report criminal activity. Since we do not handle the aspects, investigations or repercussions of crime, we advise the residents to contact LSCO, or we contact LSCO for the residents. Some residents believe that the Security Department handles the responsibility of criminal activity. This is a common misconception. When we receive a call that requires the attention of LSCO, we assist the resident caller by providing the phone number for the Sheriffs Department or we contact LSCO for the resident.

The Security Department conducts daily patrols on the roadways of Lake Holiday. We also run stationary radar and conduct routine traffic stops within the jurisdiction of Lake Holiday. Common violations that occur on the roadways are speeding, stop sign violations and use of an off-road vehicle on the roadway. We also patrol the waters of Lake Holiday in the Security boat. We check every watercraft on the lake for proper registration and authorized operators. We also check resident's rafts for reflectors and numbers. Our daily watercraft operator checks insure the privacy of Lake Holiday from those who are trespassing.

We continue the validation process by checking all subjects using the beach areas and green areas. We ask all members to show proof of valid amenity passes and/or registered fishing licenses. When we make contact with someone that is trespassing within Lake Holiday, we file a complaint of criminal trespass with LSCO. Those who are found trespassing on Lake Holiday property are subject to face criminal charges filed by LSCO.

Another service we provide for Lake Holiday is the transportation of lost, unclaimed dogs to the Sandwich Veterinary Clinic. Resident dog owners may be issued a Lake Holiday citation with a fine for the dog running at large.

When a resident is leaving on a vacation, we provide a daily check on their vacant house while they are away. We walk around the lot perimeter and residential structures of the vacant property to notice if anything is out of place or damaged. We do not physically check doors, door locks, windows, docks, gate and fence locks, garage doors, alarm systems, watercrafts or vehicles. We do not check pets or animals left at the vacant lot. Residents that would prefer this service may complete a house check form at the Lake Holiday Lodge or they may complete the form on Lake Holiday's website @ www.lakeholiday.us

Thanks for your cooperation,

Chief Matthew Clifford

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