

LAKE HOLIDAY PRIVATE SECURITY

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After receiving calls from residents regarding the functions of the Lake Holiday Private Security Department, I believe that explaining these functions with detailed description in this month's news report would be sufficient.

1. Rule and regulation enforcement. Our primary function is to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Lake Holiday Property Owners Association.
2. Visible Patrol. We carry out this function by operating the marked LHPOA squad units and by operating the marked LHPOA Security watercraft within the jurisdiction of Lake Holiday.
3. Calls to service. If a resident calls to report a rule violation, the call is handled by LHPS. If a resident calls to report criminal activity, they are advised to contact LSCO, or we offer to contact LSCO for them.
4. Assist outside agencies. We assist all local police departments and fire departments when necessary.
5. Pass / Operator Checks. We check amenity passes and identification of all persons using the amenities of LHPOA. We also check every watercraft to ensure a member is present on board. Both of these checks may include fishing license checks.
6. Secure and lock LHPOA property. This includes the area of the Campground, Beach 3 bathrooms, Beach 2 bathrooms, the spoils basin, the maintenance buildings and the LHPOA Lodge.
7. Report of criminal damage to LHPOA property. We report damage of LHPOA property (i.e. LHPOA picnic tables, street signs, LHPOA vehicles) to the LaSalle County Sheriffs Department.

I hope this clarifies previous assumptions of the functions of Lake Holiday Private Security. I thoroughly understand these functions and my staff shares this understanding as well. We are not a police department. We do not have an investigation team. We are not involved in any criminal investigations within Lake Holiday unless directed to do so under the advisement, request and assistance of LSCO.

The following is a reprint of a previous article I posted in a previous article of the Lake Holiday News.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE LAKE HOLIDAY SECURITY DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TO THE ASSOCIATION?

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 offer to contact LSCO for the residents. Some residents believe that the Security Department handles the responsibility of criminal activity. 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 a Security watercraft. We check every boat on the lake for proper registration and authorized operators. 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 will face criminal charges filed by LSCO.

Another additional 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 offer to provide a daily check on their vacant house while they are away. 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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