

# Houston Heights North Side Constable Patrol

## AREA

The North side patrol is defined by the area of 610 on the North, 20th on the South, Durham on the West, and Airline to the East.

### Heights Constable Patrol



## Special points of interest:

- The Constable program is active right now. Constables are now patrolling the area.
- You could help make the patrol a reality. We need 34 more subscribers out of 210 to make the program fully funded. We have 176 subscribers now. That is only enough to pay through November.
- All premises within the patrol area benefit from the program, but only paid subscribers are eligible for enhanced services such as vacation watches, special watches, home alarm inspections, and direct access to the Precinct I dispatcher.
- The goal is to have a high participation rate so that the cost per subscriber is lower. Spread the word.
- Questions or comments or you want to help out? Call 713-862-6623 or simply e-mail [heightspatrol@houstonheights.org](mailto:heightspatrol@houstonheights.org) Or [info@houstonheights.org](mailto:info@houstonheights.org) Or [president@sunsetheightshouston.org](mailto:president@sunsetheightshouston.org)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The goal of the Precinct I Constable's Office **Contract Deputy Program** now being offered to the North side is to provide a way for residents and businesses to reduce crime and vandalism. This patrol program's main objectives are crime prevention and providing immediate police services to citizens in need. The Constables on patrol are Harris County deputies, who are in uniform, armed and driving distinctively marked law enforcement vehicles. In addition to the benefits of a law enforcement presence on our streets, subscribing property owners are eligible for special services such as vacation watches, home security surveys, and direct access to the Precinct I dispatcher.

Subscribing property owners in the designated patrol area pay an annual fee for patrol service for eight hours, five days per week of patrolling.

## HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

1. Highly visible marked Constable vehicles patrolling the neighborhood. This greatly reduces the criminal's opportunity to violate the law and acts as a deterrent to those committing crimes.
2. Daily patrolling by dedicated deputies enables them to become familiar with the neighborhood, thereby alerting them to "out of the ordinary" situations such as suspicious persons or vehicles.
3. Familiarity with the neighborhood will enable the deputies to minimize response time on calls. A deputy's response time to calls within the assigned contract area will

Special thanks to the following local businesses and churches that are participating in this program:

- Allegiance Bank
- Bulls Eye Storage
- Bungalov Fitness
- Casa Milagro
- Grogan Building Supply
- Houston Brethren Church
- North Loop Auto Supply
- Master Car Care
- Rodriguez Refinishing Shop

average two to five minutes.

4. Increased feeling of security and confidence knowing the deputies are only a phone call and minutes away.

5. The program is designed so that whenever a deputy is not on duty, paid subscribers can still call the Precinct I dispatcher who will dispatch the nearest available deputy. In an emergency, 911 should still be called in addition to the Precinct I dispatcher.

#### WHY PAY TO SUBSCRIBE?

In addition to funding additional law enforcement to reduce crime in our neighborhood, the program offers paid subscribers direct phone contact with the Precinct I dispatcher for quick response time to calls for help or for reports of suspicious activities. Subscribers can call the Precinct I dispatcher even when a deputy is not on patrol. Paid subscription also allows the privileges of vacation watch services and special watches for unusual circumstances, as well as home security inspections. Residents with home alarm systems may also designate the Constable as the first responder to an activated alarm. This web page shows stats from the other constable patrols <http://houstonheights.org/security.htm>.

#### WHO CAN SUBSCRIBE?

All residents (including renters), property owners, and business owners in a patrol area are eligible and strongly encouraged to participate in the patrol program by being a paid subscriber. You do not have to be a member of the Houston Heights Association, Sunset Heights Civic Club or East Sunset Heights Association to be a paid subscriber in the patrol program.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost is \$175. The period is July through Dec 2010. We need 210 subscribers to pay for the service for the 6 month period.

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM?

The entire neighborhood benefits from the street patrolling which raises the level of security in our neighborhood. All services provided by the Constable Patrol — street patrolling, special watches, vacation watches, personal help, home security inspections, etc., are paid for by the paid subscribers. Consequently, only paid subscribers can call upon the deputies for special services other than the street patrolling — vacation watch services, special watches, home security inspections and direct access to the Precinct 1 dispatcher.

#### HOW DO YOU SIGN UP?

Go on the Heights Association website and pay by credit card <http://houstonheights.org/northsidepaypal.htm>

Or you can pay by check.

Make Checks payable to HHA Northside Constable Patrol

Mail them to this address

HHA Constable Patrol

P.O. Box 70735

Houston, TX 77270-0735

Please include the following information when paying by check.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

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Houston Heights <http://houstonheights.org> – Has more information about constable program.

Sunset Heights Civic Association <http://sunsetheightshouston.org> - Has current stats on sign ups.

East Sunset Heights Association <http://eastsunsetheights.org>