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Alan Thompson introduced the speakers, Lt. Jason Messer & Sgt. Bryan McKean of the Upper Arlington Police Division, to speak on the topic of "Crime Trends in UA and What You Can Do To Protect Yourself". Jason has been with UAPD since 1995 in a variety of roles. Bryan has been with the UAPD for 15 years.

Jason spoke about relatively new tools used in policing. First, drones are now in wide use, including at UAPD. They allow an officer to see on their cell-phone what is happening behind closed gates and in backyards and other places that are otherwise difficult to see into, when a criminal matter is ongoing. Drones can be equipped with infrared, heatseeking technology that allows the police to more easily locate a suspect who is attempting to hide.

Next, Jason spoke about flocks, which are systems that read license plates. There are 20 in UA, around the city, mainly at points of entry. They can help patrol officers when they are looking for a stolen car, or trying to locate individuals who have open warrants or are under protection orders or are sex offenders. They also can be helpful in post-incident investigations, recording up to 65 tags per day and searchable for 30 days. Artificial intelligence helps with vehicle recognition, leading to prosecutions on a weekly basis.

Jason then described the citizen camera program, where residents voluntarily share recordings taken by their home security systems. Such residents can decide when to share such recordings on a case by case basis.

Bryan then talked about trends in crime. The biggest upward trend relates to theft from motor vehicles. UAPD maintains maps showing some clustering of such crimes, allowing for some predictability in the effort to combat these crimes.

Bryan set forth 2 main categories of crimes: first, process crimes, such as murder, rape and domestic violence. These crimes are very rare in UA. Second, there are resources crimes, where a criminal is trying to get something; these crimes including theft, robbery and fraud. Bryan noted that you can be a specific target of crime, or you can just be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

As steps to take to prevent thefts from motor vehicles, Bryan noted that there are certain types of vehicles that are very often targeted to obtain guns, cash or other valuables: pick-up trucks, and in particular Ford 150 models and above. It is vital not to leave any valuables in your vehicle if you don't have to, and it is especially important not to leave keys in a car (what, seriously?), or a garage door opener. Thieves look for areas with large numbers of vehicles. They often will use a stolen car for their own transport. They also often wear reflective gear and masks to conceal their ID, with the reflective gear causing a surveillance camera image to be blurred out. The thieves may well be armed, and very often are in the age 10-17 range. Bryan stressed that it is not a good idea to confront a thief, saying "you can get a new car or new stuff, but we can't get a new you".

Bryan stressed the importance of not sharing personal information with strangers, even inadvertently. This can include even not having bumper stickers that tell a thief what they might find in your car, such as a sticker indicating gun ownership.

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GREETERS

February 18

Jay Babbitt
Brian Bainbridge

February 25

John Wiseman
Bob LeBoeuf

March 4

Kelly Marlow
Jack Cotter

REGISTRATION DESK

February 18

Jim Winfree
Dave Shelby

February 25

Mike Brady
John Cleland

March 4

Don Leach
Brian Bainbridge

CALENDAR

February 18 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Dr. Robert Hunt, Superintendent of UA Schools "Presentation of Public Feedback on Proposed Changes to UA Middle Schools & Burbank Early Learning Center"
Host: Lou Sauter

February 25 - Scioto CC/Zoom

Jesse Jones, National Alliance on Mental Illness Mid-Ohio
Host: Debbie Johnson

March 4 - Scioto CC/Zoom

No Regular Weekly Lunch Meeting

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OUR NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 18TH

Scioto Country Club / Zoom

THE MEETING



Angela Lanctot opened the meeting, which was held in person at Scioto Country Club and also via Zoom.

Herb Gillen provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

James Russell was a guest of **Steve Schoeny**.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Rick Barth encouraged participation in the dine-around event on March 6, with dinner at Third & Hollywood in Grandview. An email has been sent out to allow for sign-up.

Anne Croskey provided a reminder that Club meetings will not be at Scioto Country Club in March. The March 11 meeting will include a tour of the new Bob Crane Community Center, with lunch first at Houlihan's. Signing up on the sheets provided at the meeting was necessary to participate in the lunch that day.



Chip Knoop noted the positive story in the Columbus Dispatch about the Bed Brigade efforts at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, with a mention of the Club's participation. Chip also noted that the next build event will be on Saturday March 8, and he is looking for 5-6 members to help.

Glenn Dugger provided a reminder of the fundraiser scheduled for the evening of May 13, at the Community Center.

Joe Valentino thanked the Club for its support of the recent successful Night to Shine event, for more than 200 guests with special needs, at UA Lutheran Church.



Angela Lanctot provided a reminder of the Rotary Roundtable event on Tues. Feb. 18, before the regular meeting, featuring Dr. Grant Jones speaking on athletic injuries.

Angela also noted that the Rotary District conference is on Feb. 22; please let her know if you'd like to attend.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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