

Rosamond Town Council

PRESS RELEASE

R E S O L U T I O N

Endorsing Neighborhood Watch for the Betterment and Improved Safety of the Rosamond Community

The Directors of the Rosamond Town Council by unanimous vote at its June 17, 2004 meeting adopted the following resolution in support of the Kern County sponsored Neighborhood Watch program.

(signed)
George Stemwedel
President
Rosamond Town Council

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- a) Rosamond is committed to retaining its reputation as a safe, friendly community, in spite of dramatic population growth in the past several years.
- b) As an unincorporated community within the County of Kern, Rosamond residents are dependent on only two Deputy Sheriffs per shift, to provide police protection to an estimated 20,000 residents living in an area of over 600 square miles.
- c) We have no assurance that more Deputy's will be allocated in the near term due to the current State and County financial crisis.
- d) Where there is a gap in County-funded services, Rosamond citizens have proven their resourcefulness through volunteer services such as the excellent Citizens Service Unit.
- e) As part of its long-standing crime prevention function, the Sheriff's Department of Kern County continues to provide professional staff resources to assist citizens in establishing volunteer-based Neighborhood Watch programs.
- f) Although 75 residents attended a Neighborhood Watch presentation by Kern County staff at Rosamond Elementary School in 1998, only one new Rosamond Watch resulted from that initiative.
- g) In the absence of active promotion by Kern County itself, the successful expansion of Neighborhood Watches in Rosamond will require sustained leadership by our own community members and organizations.

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Rosamond Town Council as follows:

- a) This Council will actively support the formation of additional Neighborhood Watch groups by Rosamond residents, to supplement existing crime prevention resource provided by the Kern Sheriff's Department and the Citizens Service Unit.
- b) This Council will encourage other community organizations and businesses to help inform Rosamond residents of the Neighborhood Watch program and its value to our community.