



# The Greenbelt

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## Sherriff's Meeting Brings Assurances and Answers

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Monterey County Sherriff Steve Bernal briefed Oak Hills residents in December at a gathering held at North Monterey County High School.

The session was organized jointly by the homeowners associations of the two sides of Oak Hills: Rancho Bolsa Nueva Homeowners Association (the old side or east side of Oak Hills) and the Oak Hills Homeowners Association (the new side or west side of Oak Hills).

A spate of criminal incidents which occurred on the Rancho Bolsa Nueva side was the catalyst for organizing the meeting. And although the number of events, were not considered unusually high, 19 recorded events from Jan 1-Sept 30, 2015, it was enough to generate interest and expressed concern by the affected residents.

Bernal provided a comprehensive update on the Sherriff's Department and explained how staffing and scheduling for coverage at the county jail had been a drain on personnel that had pulled deputies off of patrol. Those problems have been resolved and deputies are now being released for more patrol duty. He also strongly emphasized that residents can play an important role in preventing crime by locking and securing personal property, by staying aware of the surroundings and by reporting anything that may seem suspicious.

**Emergency 911—When life and property are currently being threatened.**

**Non-Emergency 755-5111—when reporting a past tense crime or life and/or property are not currently threatened.**

## Holiday Decorating Contest Winner

Congratulations to Todd and Kimber Fridey for winning this years Holiday Decorating Contest. They lit up their yard on Charter Oak, across from the pool, with a wonderful arrangement of lights and lit objects that also danced to the holiday music being played. What a sight! Thank you to all that participated in decorating their home and yards!

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