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Inaugural Watch Talk Wednesdays program well-received

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 5, 2010) – About 100 residents attended the first program in the Watch Talk Wednesday series held recently at The Woodlands Township Service Center, 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive. The new program series is open to all residents of The Woodlands as an opportunity to learn about crime prevention and neighborhood safety tips.

“Community Policing is a team effort. It takes the community and police working together,” explained Township Neighborhood Services Manager John Raybon. The Watch Talk Wednesday series contributes to that goal.

Additional speakers at the inaugural program were Captain Andrew Eason of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, Lt. Ronnie Glaze with Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Sgt. Jason Moore with Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Steve Sumner, director of law enforcement and transportation services for The Woodlands Township.

Topics discussed were community-based policing and the release of information to the public, including tools such as WoodlandsAlert, a free service that allows participants to sign up to receive e-mail alerts on the information they choose. The Woodlands Watch neighborhood watch program uses WoodlandsAlert to disseminate information to its watch members. Often the Alert is used when the communication can help law enforcement.

“The WoodlandsAlert is not a news service and should not be considered as such, but rather we strive to release timely and correct information, especially when it affects the community at large, or can be used as a tool to help law enforcement,” said Mr. Sumner.

The next Watch Talk Wednesday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, from noon to 1 p.m., at the Montgomery County South Regional Library, 2101 Lake Robbins Drive. The topic will be *Securing Your Home*. Residents are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information on Watch Talk Wednesdays and The Woodlands Watch program, please contact The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Services Department at neighbor@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov. To sign up for WoodlandsAlert, visit The Woodlands Township Web site at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov and select *WoodlandsAlert Signup*.

For more information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.



Photo: Staff and law enforcement who worked together in the first session of Watch Talk Wednesday include, left to right: Captain Andy Eason of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Neighborhood Services staff members Anne Spaulding, John Raybon, Susan Golden, Veronica Hernandez-Mena, Holly Steinke, LaChelle Gentry and Lt. Ronnie Glaze with the Harris County Constable Precinct 4.