

Facts and Questions – Town Hall Meeting – City Council Chambers August 29, 2013

Minor Accidents

- Definition – crash where there are no injuries requiring ambulance transport and where the vehicles involved can be driven away from the scene.
- Citations will be written for regulatory violations (No Driver's License, Expired Inspection, Registration). For no proof of insurance, the driver will be cited and the vehicle will be towed.
- Officers will respond to the accident to determine severity. Drivers will be responsible for completing and submitting a Texas Dept. of Transportation Form CR2 (Official State Form). <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/laws/crash-reports.html>
- Officers currently spend an average of 78 minutes investigating minor crashes. CCPD investigates roughly 6500 minor crashes each year.
- The seven largest cities in Texas do not investigate minor crashes.

Burglar Alarms

- Officers will no longer respond to alarm activation if the alarm site does not have a valid permit.
- City Ordinance Sec. 3½-2. Permit required; (a) The Corpus Christi Police Department will not respond to any alarm notification from an alarm site that does not have a valid permit, **unless** the alarm notification was a duress alarm, a hold-up alarm, a panic alarm, or reported to a 9-1-1 emergency telephone number by a person other than an alarm company.
- Alarm fees are \$35 residential and \$60 for commercial. Good for one year.
- Alarm Program contact number is 877-413-8308

Barking Dogs

- Talk to your neighbors about the problem. If that doesn't work then document the incident, video tape it, speak to your neighbors about assisting you in making the complaints.
- Citizen can fill out a "Nuisance Complaint" form. The form is located on the City website <http://www.cctexas.com/government/city-attorney/prosecutors-office/forms/index>
- 1st offense: City Prosecutor's office will send out a letter outlining the nuisance.
- 2nd offense: Complainants wishing to file criminal charges must do so at the City prosecutors' office.

Unruly Children

- Officers will no longer respond to calls for "unruly children"
- For "children refusing to go to school" Parents are advised to call their respective school's Attendance Officers. For more information please contact CCISD 361-695-7242, Tulooso Midway 361-241-3554, Calallen 361-242-5626, Flour Bluff 361-694-9100, West Oso 361-806-5960

Distracted Driving – Restricted use of Cell Phones

- On October 8, City Council will consider revising the ordinance as a measure to increase traffic safety by reducing driver distractions while using a cell phone. Hands-free devices, such as a Bluetooth, are permitted. Drivers can still use a cell phone to make calls to report a crime, traffic accident or medical emergency.
- "Hands-free device" means speakerphone capability or a telephone attachment or other piece of equipment, regardless of whether permanently installed in the motor vehicle, that allows use of the wireless communication device without use of either of the operator's hands.
- "Park or Parked" shall mean for the operator to completely cease movement of a motor vehicle in a lawful manner and location. For purposes of this Section, "Parked" does not include or mean a vehicle stopped in a lane of traffic due to either a lawful traffic control device, or the conditions on the roadway, or traffic congestion patterns then existing.

- Cities that restrict the use of cell phones while driving:
 - Amarillo
 - El Paso
- Cities that prohibit Texting While Driving:
 - Alamo
 - Arlington
 - Austin
 - Bellaire
 - Brownsville
 - Conroe
 - Galveston
 - Harlingen
 - Magnolia
 - McAllen
 - Mission
 - Missouri City
 - Mount Vernon
 - Nacogdoches
 - Palmview
 - Penitas
 - San Antonio
 - Shore Acres
 - Stephenville
 - Tomball
 - Universal City