

**GWINNETT COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

SECURITY SURVEY

CONFIDENTIAL

Security Survey For

Ellsworth Recreation Area
Copper Creek Way / Sandy Hill Road
Buford, GA

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Statement of Purpose

The enclosed security survey and recommendations are not intended to make the subject facility "burglary proof", "robbery proof", "theft proof", etc. However, if properly applied and maintained, the recommendations should reduce the probability that such incidents will occur. Loss prevention, like all management responsibilities, will require constant upgrading and attention in order to keep abreast of the changing operational needs of security.

As a general rule, implementation of the enclosed recommendations should not be fragmented. There are times when the incorporation of one phase depends upon the implementation of other security recommendations and the failure to utilize the systems approach can breach all elements of the system. This survey is limited in scope to those areas specifically addressed in the survey.

Business Profile

The subject business is located at Copper Creek Way and Sandy Hill Road in Buford. The business is a free standing pool with covered cabana, a two court tennis facility and a playground. The location is north of Thompson Mill Road and east of North Bogan Road. There is one point of ingress / egress from the business parking lot. This business is located in the North Police Precinct in the 331 zone.

Loss/Crime Hazards

Concern #1

The parking lot is easily accessible during non-business hours. This allows vehicles to easily access the lot and “hang out” in dark areas.

Recommendation

Two options exist for securing the lot from vehicular traffic. A gate could be erected at the entrance that could be closed during non-business hours. A less expensive alternative would be to erect posts at the entrance and use a chain to close off the lot. The drawback to closing the parking lot would decrease the amount of legitimate vehicular traffic in the lot. These legitimate parking lot checks would be preformed by residents and the police. This would also require someone to close and open the gates on a daily basis

Concern #2

The pool area is easily accessible after hours. There have been reports of subjects in the pool after hours. In being easily accessible, it is difficult to see people in the pool after hours.

Recommendation

The gates leading into the covered cabana need to be raised to stop someone from climbing over the gated area. The stone on the walls help to facilitate entry into the pool area. The additional metal grates should be extended up to the highest point possible. Also, there are several plants that restrict visibility into the pool, but do not discourage people from climbing over the fence. Consider replacing some of these plants with “hostile vegetation”. Some examples of this are holly and rose bushes. All trees around the pool area should have no branches lower than 6 feet from the ground. If the current vegetation stays in place, it should be lowered to 2 feet in height. The fencing that is around the perimeter of the property should be repaired so that it adds to the “territorial reinforcement” of the property. That is, an outsider would be able to determine that the property is well cared for and belongs to the neighborhood.

Concern #3

The parking lot has no lighting for the overnight hours and the parking lot is very dark. It allows people to come and “hang out” undetected.

Recommendation

The lighting on the cabana should be left on partially. This allows the casual observer to see what is happening underneath. You should consider placing motion sensor flood lighting next to the building. This would allow the lighting to illuminate when people are walking around the building. Most importantly, consider having lighting placed in the parking lot. This could be achieved by having poles placed in the grassy area and have “barn style” or “cobra head” lighting installed. Most power companies will add these lights for an initial cost and monthly utility payment. If possible, the lighting should be metal halide which produces a “whiter” light and allows for easy color recognition. A lower cost option is to have high or low pressure sodium lighting installed. The bulbs have a longer lifespan and lower initial cost, but they have diminished color recognition; everything appears yellow or brown in sodium lighting.

Concern #4

The use of golf carts in the neighborhood is done in an inconsistent manner.

Recommendation

In O.C.G.A. 40-6-330, golf carts are classified as motorized carts and have specific restrictions. To remain classified as a motorized cart, they must weigh less than 1,300 pounds and not have the ability to travel more than 20 miles per hour. They may be driven on streets only during daylight hours unless they comply with all safety regulations. Those regulations would include lights, turn signals, horns and multiple other items. The motorized carts should not be operated at night and should not be driven on the shoulder or on a sidewalk. If possible, the owners of the motorized carts should be advised of the rules that govern their use.

Special Considerations

Along with any physical and procedural changes that are made to improve store security, employee training should not be overlooked. Responsible and informative training will install a sense of security that will pay great dividends. The Gwinnett County Police Department’s Crime Prevention Officers offer numerous classes and seminars that are given free of charge. Please contact me at (770) 513-5119 if you would like any further information.

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