

# DELAWARE STATE POLICE

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Captain Joshua Bushweller, commander of State Police Troop 3, speaks to the crowd regarding law enforcement issues in four communities in Woodside East.

## **NEWS:**

### **Woodside East Residents Come Out to Express Concerns**

**AUGUST 13, 2018** – More than 60 people from four communities in Woodside East came out to Troop 3 recently (8/1) to discuss their concerns about crime and public safety.

State Rep. Lyndon Yearick sponsored the event to bring the residents of Meadowbrook Acres, London Village, Paris Villa, and Fox Hollow together with police, prosecutors, and members of Kent County Crime Watch.

Drug sales, vandalism, and the illegal use of ATVs and mini-bikes topped the list of complaints.

State Police Troop 3 Commander, Capt. Joshua Bushweller, said the conclusion of a four-month investigation targeting high-level illicit drug operations in Kent County will

provide an opportunity to task troopers previously occupied by that probe to street-level enforcement, including Woodside East.

Additionally, Captain Bushweller said he has assigned Det. Grant Nash to investigate the chronic acts of vandalism plaguing the residents of Fox Hollow.

Citizens were also told they may be able to use county zoning and building ordinances to deal with neglected homes serving as venues for illegal drug sales. Capt. Bushweller said State Police Senior Corporal Heather Imhof can serve as a liaison between local residents and county code enforcement. She can be reached at 302-698-8520.

The ATV/mini-bike issues will be addressed by troopers on regular patrol and occasionally by special duty troopers working traffic assignments.

Citizen volunteers with Kent County Crime Watch (KCCW) were at the meeting to offer their assistance in keeping local residents aware of developing crime issues and potentially setting-up a neighborhood watch. The non-profit organization meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Levy Court Chamber of the Kent County Administrative Complex (555 Bay Rd, Dover).

"I think this was a useful meeting," Rep. Yearick said. "There is a lot of understandable frustration with some of things that have been going on in these communities, but I think we made progress in linking residents in adjoining communities with police. This isn't an endpoint. It's another step in a process to improve the quality of life for people in Woodside East."

## **Contact Information:**

### **Delaware State Police Troop 3**

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### **Kent County Crime Watch (KCCW)**

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