

## Meeting Notes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### **Sheriff Mark Lutrell-**

The County is in the middle of a six year plan. Since 2005 the property crime has increased significantly and crimes of deadly force have declined.

Increase is due to criminals looking for flat screen TVs, computers, all electronics.

You can't compare Memphis with other cities because each city or state measures differently. For example NY doesn't even count larceny unless it's over \$500, TN counts everything over \$50

Gangs have risen because of poor family life and poor guidance by adults. The gang gives them structure and sense of belonging. Most gang members have no faith.

Police and Sheriff's depts. are stretched and have responsibilities which are far more than just putting policeman on street. **Having alarm systems, animals, and private security are ways to "encourage" criminals to go elsewhere. The police simply cannot provide 24 hour service. Security guards are one more layer if affordable to deter crime. The police and Sheriff's dept endorse the use of private security.**

**Private security is going to react to a "suspicious" person much faster than the police. That is no higher than a level three alert to the police department.**

### **Officer Les Haynes- Crime Prevention**

The Sheriff's dept has 34 different training sessions to help keep you safe. You can check out at [www.Shelby-Sheriff.org](http://www.Shelby-Sheriff.org)

3 foot –7 foot rule

Keep bushes no more than 3 feet tall and no limbs on trees hanging below 7 feet. This eliminates places for criminals to hide.

Engrave all valuables with TN driver license number or video tape

### **Steve Schuler- Mark Lutrell's right hand man**

Be aware of what's going on in neighborhood.

Know your neighbors

It can happen to you!

Report vacant houses and ill kept properties