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Wilton, Herald, unincorporated area of Galt and Rancho Murieta*

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## National Night Out Celebration For South County

Save the Date! August 25th. Come and support your local law enforcement personnel. Join Sheriff's personnel, County Supervisor Don Nottoli, representatives from Assembly Member Joan Buchanan and Senator Dave Cox's office.

Come hungry! We're going to have a tasty bar-b-que, and round it up with ice cream!

Bring the kids...we'll have games, a bounce house, fire and K-9 demos!

Visit display booths from community and government agencies. Come and support South Bureau and talk to your local elected representatives.

This FREE event begins at 5:30pm, until 7:30pm. So, stop by The Sheriff's Service Center, 11080 Jeff Brian Lane, Wilton and have dinner on us!

National Night Out is an annual Crime Prevention event for the communities that we serve in South County. Celebrating the "Partnership for a safer community".

If your community organization would like to participate, call Crime Prevention Specialist, Laura Grossman at 916-776-4682.

Look for flyers distributed in your community where this newsletter is made available to you.

## New On Line Reporting

You can now report your non-emergency crime on line. If you experience a crime that is no longer in progress, you can make a police report on your computer. To use this report writing method, you must have an e-mail address.

Go to [www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) then click on "On line reporting".

Answer the questions that are asked. If your situation fits the criteria, then you will be able to proceed with the report. A report number will be e-mailed to you.

We monitor the reports written but due to lack of staffing, the crime may not be investigated.

If you encounter a problem or have a question, please call your local Service Center.



## What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a self-help crime prevention program that enlists the active involvement of community residents. As a member your own Neighborhood Watch group, you can improve the quality of life in your own neighborhood, reduce opportunities for crime by looking out for your neighbors, act as extra eyes and ears for your Sheriff's Department, and take the responsibility of reporting anything suspicious to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Learn more about Neighborhood Watch by calling Crime Prevention Specialist, Laura Grossman at 916-776-4682.



*Remember-if you don't get involved, who will?*

Crime Stats for the Wilton, Herald, unincorporated area of Galt  
And Rancho Murieta areas  
From July 1, 2009 to July 30, 2009  
For a more complete list, go to  
[www.sacsheriff.com](http://www.sacsheriff.com) then click on "crime mapping"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
7/9	0100	Vandalism	10200 blk Colony Rd	Highway/road
7/9	2100	Burglary Residence	11500 blk Boessow Rd	Residence
7/11	1130	Vandalism	8200 New Hope Rd	Highway/road
7/12	2215	Burglary Residence	12700 blk E. Stockton Blvd	Residence/home
7/15	2200	Vandalism	12500 blk Shorthorn Rd	Residence/home
7/18	2333	Aggravated Assault	9900 blk Spring St	Residence/home
7/19	0100	Vandalism	11200 blk Arno Rd	Residence/home
7/22	0000	Vandalism	10200 blk Alta Mesa Rd	Highway/road
7/23	0230	Vandalism	10000 blk Colony Rd	Residence/home
7/25	1700	Burglary Residence	12600 blk Shorthorn Rd	Residence/home
7/30	0100	Aggravated Assault	10300 blk Alta Mesa Rd	Residence/home
7/30	1823	Simple Assault	9300 blk Rancheria Dr	Residence/home

## Meet Your Neighbor and Sheriff VIPS-Ron Squires

By VIP Stan Foster

This month we highlight Ronald Squires . Ronald is a retired Army guy who started out in helicopters then moved to fixed wing and then to intelligence. When you are out on patrol with him you can be entertained for hours just with the experiences he will admit. Ronald has been a VIP for 4 years working in the Rockingham (Rancho Cordova) Center, Rancho Murieta and for the last 6 months in the Wilton Service Center. He has over 300 hours and says he enjoys patrol, vacation checks and fingerprinting the children. With 4 grandchildren he understands how important the information we give parents can be. Ronald has been married to the “still young and beautiful” Christine since 1963 and enjoys his garden, his grand kids and backpacking but not necessarily in that order. He was Secretary of his Elks Lodge for 6 years and still does some work for them when needed.



I asked him why he joined VIPS and his answer was simple. He wanted to do something for the community but lots of organizations didn't do much. He has skills and knowledge and a desire to do something. He liked the idea of formal training so he would know what to do in the field. He said he was attracted to the kind of people he met in VIPS and has enjoyed the fellowship.

With the budget cuts and reduced manpower available to the Sheriff , VIPS are becoming more and more important in providing service to our neighbors. Why don't you join us?

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## Don't Let Your Guard Down Just Because You Live in the Country

Rural communities have their own unique crime problems - like theft of crops timber, livestock, and expensive farm equipment. Vandals do more than break mailboxes, they can destroy crops and fields. Alcohol and drug abuse problems plague rural youth as well as those in the suburbs and cities. And of course, crimes like burglary, rape, assault, and auto theft happen in rural areas, but less frequently than in cities.

Invest some time and money in prevention now. What's the payoff? Better security around your property, less worry about crime and your family's safety.

Be a good neighbor - when you're out and about, keep an eye on neighbors' homes livestock, and equipment. Tell them and the sheriff or police about anything that makes you uneasy or suspicious.



### **Check the Doors and Locks**

Make sure outside doors - in your home and outbuildings - are solid wood or metal and have dead bolt locks.

Use the locks!

Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or with a broomstick or wooden dowel in the track to jam the door in case someone tries to pry it open. Insert screws in the upper track going into the fixed frame, to prevent anyone from lifting the door from its track.

Secure double-hung windows by sliding bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Secure basement windows well.

### **Check the Outside**

Keep your house, driveway, barns, and other buildings well-lighted at night. Use timers that automatically turn on outside lights when it gets dark.

Consider motion sensors that set off lights or alarms.

Prune back shrubbery that hides doors, windows, lights, and would-be burglars.

Keep your fences in good repair. Secure all access roads with gates or cables stretched between posts cemented in the ground. Make them visible with flags or streamers.

Warn thieves that you're on the alert with "No Trespassing," "No Hunting," and other signs around your property.

### **Protect Your Equipment**

Secure gas pumps, gas tanks, storage bins, and grain elevators with sturdy padlocks or dead bolts. Keep small equipment - like mowers, bikes, snowmobiles - locked in a barn or garage. Keep guns locked and unloaded in a secure place away from curious children and would-be thieves.

Never leave keys in vehicles or farm equipment.

Always lock your trucks and other vehicles when they're not in use. And don't leave tools in the open back of a pick-up truck or in an unsecured truck bed toolbox.

Don't leave major equipment in a field overnight. Lock it in a barn or shed near the house, or park where it can be seen from your house or a neighbor's.

If machines must be left out for long periods of time, disable them by removing the rotor, distributor, or battery.

For more Crime Prevention tips, call Laura Grossman at 916-776-4682