SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR A SAFER HOME / COMMUNITY

REPORT TO 911.

- If KCSO doesn't know that you've been victimized they can't help. They don't know to increase presence in the area. If something has happened with in the last month you need to report it asap. This isn't just for you, it's for the community as a whole. Make. The. Report. If you do call 911 for suspicious activity, and you're actively dealing with a suspicious person, call 911, and keep 911 on the line so they can hear the interaction because it is a recorded line. Do not immediately hang up.

PICTURES

- Take the pictures. Send them to KCSD. Be sure to get a license plate of the vehicle involved. Minimum of make, model, yr, color, etc., but pictures are the best.

COMMUNITY WATCH

- It's coming. Meeting times and locations will put out to the community to let you know when the meetings are regarding the Community Watch so that we can all be a part of it.

RECORD

- If you have an interaction with suspicious person/s RECORD it. You (probably) have a smart phone. USE IT. Turn on record and slip the phone in your pocket if you need to, but have it on your person and record the interaction as evidence. I.e. have it recording before you open a door / window, etc. It's ok if it's just audio that's recording. If you have someone else at home with you and they're able, have them record it / take pictures, too.

SPOTLIGHT

- If you don't have a big bright spotlight, get one. Not a flashlight, a spotlight. They're especially useful at night when you hear something outside. Outside lights are important, too, but a BIG BRIGHT spotlight is going to light someone up and interfere with their vision. Look on Amazon. You'll see ones that are millions of lumens bright, are impact and water resistant, and have a viewing field of hundreds of yards. You'll want to be mindful of your neighbor's windows when you're using it. Their field of vision is hundreds of YARDS. Your high beams can see hundreds of feet.

CAMERAS

- Most run on WiFi, so you'll need to have that. Be sure that all of your cameras aren't mounted from a high place. You want at least one that's lower so it will get a clear view of someone's face as well as a vehicle and its license plate. (Doorbell to eye level)

SIGNS

- If you don't have WiFi and or don't want / can't afford cameras, get signs that say you've an alarm system, cameras, property is being monitored.

DOG

- They're excellent deterrents, especially large breed. If you have a large breed dog it's wise to have evidence of said animal.

CLUTTER / BRUSH

- Minimize hiding places around your home by clearing brush, bushes, etc. Remember, this is a FIREWISE community, so you should be following the FIREWISE framework for your safety. If not, this is a good time to get that going. This is going to benefit you in a number of ways.