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Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association

Meeting Location – Golden Corral – Tuesday June 19th, 11:30 A.M.

2301 Pat Booker Road, Universal City (210) 658-7270

Membership meeting: 11:30 – 12:00 noon

"Street Fighting" DEMO 12:00 - 12:45 P.M.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Maps & Directions available on our web site: AACPA.NET

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UNIVERSITY POLICE CAMPUS WATCH REPORT

February 2007 - http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterFeb2007.pdf March 2007 - http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterMar2007.pdf April 2007 - http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterApr2007.pdf May 2007 - http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterMay2007.pdf June 2007 - http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterJun2007.pdf

Irving Police have extended Crime Free Multi-Housing Training Classes through October. Classes are filling up fast and are currently booked through July.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is an effective, but intense program designed for the police, apartment staff, and residents to work together to reduce criminal activity in apartment communities. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Officer Beau Jones with the Irving Police.

A registration form is available at: <u>http://aacpa.net/leo.doc.</u>



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Proposed TCPA By-Law Change Pertaining to Annual Active Individual Dues Increase to \$30.00.

<See Attachment – editor>

Please review the forwarded proposed bylaw change and share with your regional members. I think Scott did a good job on correcting/clarifying some things. Also a dues increase of \$6 is within reason. Voting will take place at the Wednesday's membership meeting.

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---Notes by author---

At first glance this change looks complicated. But in reality, it is only eliminating some redundancy, simplifying a few paragraphs, creating a new section just for Dues and Terms of Membership, and raising the Active Membership Dues to \$30.00.

Creating a new section for Dues and Terms of Membership will ease any future change to those topics in the by-laws.

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Security Breach of Texas Officer Information (TCLEOSE breach of security - URGENT) Barbara Lowe, Uvalde PD

Credit.com recommends the following five steps:

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports

Call one of the three national credit bureaus to have a 90-day fraud alert added to all three of your credit reports. This fraud alert notifies businesses that your identity may be compromised and could prevent new accounts from being opened in your name. You will also be sent a free copy of your credit report by mail when you place this fraud alert request:

Equifax, 1-800-525-6285 <u>www.equifax.com</u> <<u>http://www.equifax.com</u>> P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian, 1-888-EXPERIAN <u>www.experian.com</u> < <u>http://www.experian.com</u>> P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion, 1-800-680-7289 <u>www.transunion.com</u> Fraud Victim Assistance Dept., P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834

2. Order your free credit reports

Credit.com recommends that you check your credit reports online while waiting for the mailed reports to arrive. There are two free ways to check your credit reports online. The first is through AnnualCreditReport.com, the credit bureau's free disclosure site as mandated by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act. Credit.com has instructions for using this site <<u>http://credit.com/credit_information/credit_report/How-to-order-your-fr</u> ee-annual-credit-reports.jsp> .

If you have already ordered your free credit report disclosures for the year, there is another way to obtain free credit reports. You can order a free credit report online from Experian <<u>http://www.experian.com/reportaccess/</u>> and TransUnion

<<u>http://annualcreditreport.transunion.com/tu/disclosure/disclosure.jsp?l</u> oc=1470> if you suspect that you may be a victim of identity theft. Equifax will only send these identity theft disclosure reports by mail. Request your Equifax report by calling 800-685-1111.

3. Look for signs of theft

Once you have obtained your credit reports, review each file for signs of identity theft. Look for the following:

- * Address changes
- * Name changes
- * New unauthorized accounts
- * Usual balance or payment records
- * Inaccurate public records (liens, judgments, collections)
- * Unauthorized inquiries (applications for credit)

If you do spot signs of identity theft on your credit report, contact your creditors immediately to report the crime and reverse the charges. You should also file a police report and complete an identity theft affidavit with the Federal Trade Commission. Ask the credit bureaus to extend your 90-day alert to a 7-year fraud alert using your police report. The FTC has more instructions <<u>http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/con_resolv.htm</u>> for resolving specific identity theft crimes.

4. Consider a file freeze

In some states, it is possible to "lock" your credit report data from all access. With this freeze, you will have to grant creditors specific permission to check your credit each time that you want to open a new account. These freezes can also impact insurance, job, apartment and cell phone applications as well as your ability to check your own credit reports online. A freeze is the best protection available against unauthorized use of your credit data, but be careful how you use this.

Security freezes are currently available to residents of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Vermont and Washington. Colorado, Kentucky and South Dakota will also allow file freezes after July 1, 2006. However, the costs and requirements for these freezes vary by state. Click here to review the complete requirements http://www.consumersunion.org/campaigns/learn_more/002355indiv.html

If you qualify, contact the credit bureaus at the numbers listed in step 1 to request a file freeze.

Hello TCPA!

If you haven't registered for the Summer Conference yet you are running out of time! YES you can still come, it's not too late but if you want to get a great looking conference shirt with your agency badge on it then you have to register by June 5th. If you can't pay by then we can take a pre-registration form just send a note letting us know when we can expect the payment. Then email a jpeg of your agencies badge to me at the below email. Be sure to send a note that you are registered and payment is pending. This is going to be a great conference. We will have great training along with fun networking opportunities. Trust me, you do not want to miss it!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks, Tammy

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INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO OUR NEXT MEETING