



Southampton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service

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A New Dawn

Welcome to Southampton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service ONLINE!

SHBOPatrol.com represents the next step in how the Southampton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service communicates with the neighborhood, shares information, and demonstrates the value of the service we provide. The goal is not simply to create another website, but to establish a central, accessible, and professional resource for residents. It will serve as a place to receive updates, review crime statistics, join or renew membership, and better understand the work being done throughout the neighborhood. Let me explain how it will work for you in four key parts:

Communication

SHBOPatrol.com will serve as the primary source for information and communication from the Southampton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service. In the past, most updates were distributed through Member Clicks email blasts, which limited communication to the email address associated with each membership profile.

How this will work is: Visit SHBOPatrol.com, scroll to the very bottom, enter your email address and subscribe. You will get emails every time I write a post. When you get an email notification, you click on it, and it takes you directly to that post. Alternatively, you can visit SHBOPatrol.com and navigate to “Recent Alerts” or “Archive” where you will find links to all previously submitted posts.

All links, procedures, and timeframes are subject to change after testing.

That’s right, you will still get emails containing my Patrol Service Alerts, only now they are accessible to anyone and everyone who wants to receive them, and they will be cataloged on an easily accessible and mobile friendly website. This format is also much easier for me to use (WordPress) which will result in more consistent email notifications regarding crime, patrol service activities, and general information.



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Crime Stat Tracking/Archive

The website will also change the way crime statistics are presented and preserved. Previously, crime statistics were generally included in quarterly newsletters. Going forward, statistics will be published approximately every two weeks and organized under a dedicated “Stats” section. This will allow residents to quickly review recent activity, compare different reporting periods, and reference historical information over time without having to search through old newsletters or emails.

When I told you I was going to develop a website for the Patrol Service, I was motivated mostly by the benefit I believed a website could bring to our community. I knew much of that value would be realized in its development and rollout. This is one of those realizations.

Crime statistics are probably the most universally recognized data points for any community. The way we distributed them under the old system left much to be desired. Moving forward, I intend to deliver them in a format that is easier to access, easier to understand, and easier to reference over time. My goal is for this to become the premier crime-statistics format available to any neighborhood in Harris County.

Hopefully, making this information more accessible and useful will also encourage more residents to subscribe to and support the Patrol Service.

Membership Gateway

SHBOPatrol.com will serve as a streamlined gateway for joining or renewing their membership in the Patrol Service. You will still need to end up at <https://sbps.memberclicks.net> to sign the dotted line. The problem was, that site is difficult to update and is not something you can put on a bumper sticker. The very first link on SHBOPatrol.com is a button that takes you directly to <https://sbps.memberclicks.net>.



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Proof of Value

Finally, the website will provide a professional public face for a professional operation. The goal is for residents to see the Patrol Service as something active, visible, and worth discussing with their neighbors – not simply another annual payment. Through regular updates, statistics, Patrol information, and an accessible online presence, members will be able to see and interact with the service they support. At the same time, the website should reinforce an important reality: the Patrol Service exists because the neighborhood supports it, and without continued participation, that service can diminish or disappear.

It's worth mentioning that this website uses WordPress.com, a website builder focused on blog style updates. Previously, to send an email blast to all our subscribers, I had to log into Member Clicks, type in a cumbersome message template, and eventually send that message to only our subscribers and only one email per profile. I can now send Patrol Alerts to you all using my phone! Also, the total cost of building and maintaining this domain will be approximately \$70 per year. This does not add any meaningful new cost to operating the patrol service. Instead, I am expanding the value of what you have already invested in beyond the limits of the previous system.

I'm very excited to move forward into the future with SHBOPatrol.com. I promise this will not complicate the way you receive information. This website will streamline the process I use to distribute and the way you receive valuable information. That being said, there will be a growth period. For example, as I type this newsletter, there's nothing on the site to view. By the end of the week, the first crime stats will be available under "Stats." The next email alert I send will be accessible after the fact under "Recent Alerts."

Visit **SHBOPatrol.com** and subscribe using your email today!

- Senior Officer Mark Vollert