



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Commercial Traffic and Warehouses in Deer Park

Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) Officer Clint Jackson spoke about commercial vehicle enforcement. DPPD's Commercial Vehicle division started 2.5 years ago because the city anticipated truck traffic would increase due to Port Houston's Ship Channel Expansion Project. Jackson said that 49% of commercial vehicles fail inspection and are declared out of service. Once the repairs are made, the trucks can be put back in service. Companies that consistently fail inspections are flagged by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). When conducting commercial vehicle inspections, officers focus on enforcement and education. Officers take time with drivers and explain exactly how their vehicle is out of compliance so that the drivers know how to conduct their own inspections prior to starting the vehicle.

In Deer Park, the designated truck routes are on SH 225 frontage road between the east and west city limits, and on Battleground Rd. between SH 225 and Underwood Rd. All designated truck routes are posted in the city. Trucks must stay on a truck route, unless they are making a delivery. Once the delivery is made, trucks are expected to travel back to the truck route. Jackson said there have been issues with trucks in residential areas for various reasons. When this occurs, DPPD tries to educate and work with the drivers and/or companies when possible. DPPD strives to successfully resolve these issues, but when that is not possible enforcement is the last step.

Debbie Westbeld of Deer Park Economic Development shared information about warehouses in Deer Park. The warehouse district is primarily in the northwest corner of Deer Park, just south of SH 225. There are also warehouses bordering SH 225 and Underwood Rd. City Council has approved the building of 2 new warehouses, one on East Blvd between East 13th and East X Street, and one at East Pasadena Blvd and Underwood Road. As new development comes into the city, new traffic studies are completed. In order to receive a permit, developers must provide their own studies when a project is on a main thoroughfare.

DPCAC's September 25th meeting will be a limited attendance Shell Plant Tour.

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