



Marine's Cove VISION

Video Information Sharing In Our Neighborhood

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The May 17, 2022 ***Star Advertiser*** headlined, "Oahu violent crime at 3-year high, reports finds". The article further quotes Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters, "The safety of our community is at stake and we need to work at all levels ---schools, communities, families, governments, and beyond--- to address this growing problem together".

VISION is one conduit between the Mariner's Cove community and HPD. The VISION team supports our Mariner's Cove neighbors by sharing our home security camera video information when they have been victimized. It has matured in its relationship with the well-known Neighborhood Security Watch program. We have seen VISION grow in numbers, presently thirty-four households, and have partnered with the HPD to be their "eyes and ears".

We need to be prepared against those who want to take advantage of us. Why? Criminals view Mariner's Cove to be a prime target because many of the residents may be vulnerable due to age and/or higher income levels. The larger number of VISION team participation, the more likely we will be able to identify "bad actors" for the HPD. Ultimately, when the word spreads that the Mariner's Cove community is a coherent and effective team working with the HPD, the culprits will likely be deterred.

VISION's core value is "Neighbors supporting neighbors." If you are willing to assist your neighbor in time of need, consider joining VISION. There is no cost, minimal imposition (average twice a month request after an incident to review your video), and you receive a weekly Situation Report (SITREP).

If you have any questions, concerns, recommendations, or desire to join and/or see a recent SITREP and/or the Concept of Operations (CONOPS), please contact Ron @ marinerscovevision@gmail.com.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is the cost to join and be a member of VISION?

A: There is no cost to join and be a member of VISION.

Q: How much time will I have to invest?

A: That depends on your ability to review video footage. On average two Mariner's Cove incidents take place monthly. You may have to invest thirty minutes a month reviewing footage (fifteen minutes per each the two incidents). Remember, what you are doing is supporting a victimized neighbor with your time.

Q: Will everybody on the VISION team see my email address?

A: The VISION Coordinator sends the distribution list emails via blind copy (Bcc...)

Q: Will I have to testify in court?

A: If your video footage is potential evidence in court, you may be asked to testify. You have the right to decline.

Q: I have good cameras, why do I need Mariner's Cove VISION?

A: That is great that you have good cameras, but you do not have cameras down the block, around the corner, or in another part of the Cove. The collaboration of the Mariner's Cove VISION team increases the chances of us picking up video of the culprits not close to your property. Additionally, HPD has been requesting VISION support as patrol officers have limited time to request video support of the immediate neighbors of the victim. We are supporting both our victimized neighbors and HPD as they investigate the offence. We are HPD's "eyes and ears".