



## The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

The President introduced Police Chief David Dean and Police Captain Will McCormick. The Chief commented on the fact that a very successful bike auction was held that raised over \$5000. There have been a number of changes in the Department. Five sergeants will have retired by July 1; five officers have been promoted and five new police have been hired. The Department is in the middle of the accreditation process. A proposal has been made to Borough Council to install a security camera network in the Borough. Cameras would be placed at strategic locations. There would be 360 degree coverage of the school and at entrances to town. Camera will be viewing public areas. They would not be monitored, but will record activities for evidentiary purposes.

Officers will be assigned to the beach patrol to write summonses on the beach as needed. In the past the Beach Patrol staff did the job. These officers will be in uniform.

The Department is trying to combat theft, especially of metals, in the Borough. There has been publicity through the Borough media. While the number of thefts has been increasing in recent years, there has been a decrease in the last year. Locking vacant properties is a big deterrent. The police will notify neighbors if robberies occur in the neighborhood. Bike thefts occur more frequently in summer. There is a program for free registration of bikes. Greater efforts will be made to enforce "No Riding" on sidewalks in the business district. New signs will be posted. There will be a walking beat in the area checking on bikes and parking. The night-time bike patrols will continue to enforce quality of life complaints. These have been down 50% since 1998.

In answer to questions the Chief noted that there have been internal investigations in the past. He also stated that if a group rental receives three citations the property owner has to come to a civil hearing. About eight property owners a year go through the process and there have seldom been repeats. Security bonds and probation are the likely punishment.

Captain McCormick stated that there will be two marine officers on the water from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the weekends and one officer from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. the rest of the time. There will be 10 bike officers on duty by Memorial Day. Officers on parking, boardwalk, bike riding on sidewalks and on beach patrols will be rotated. The Captain is on duty on Friday and Saturday nights and can be contacted if problems occur at that time.

In answer to questions, traffic summons will be issued to cyclists who are caught not stopping at lights or Stop signs. The noise of bar music has not been an issue.