



THE ARROW

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APRIL 19TH 2007 ANNUAL MEETING WILL FOCUS ON EMERGENCIES

**Join us at the..... 2007 Flecha Caida Annual Meeting
on Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m.**

**with special guest speaker,
Rural Metro Battalion Chief John Walka**

**We will be in our usual location:
First Evangelical Free Church - Room F
4700 N. Swan Rd.**

Refreshments will be served.

One of the most attractive features of Flecha Caida is the privacy offered by our winding streets and large lots. On the other side of the coin, one of the major problems for emergency service personnel is the difficulty of finding us in case of fire or a medical crisis because of these winding streets and large lots. Several emergencies in the past year where help was delayed have made this the topic of Chief Walka and his team's presentation for the Annual Meeting. We need to fix this problem!

Longtime Flecha residents will remember how we found a reflective material for our street signs and mailbox numbers more than twenty years ago, following a nighttime fire that almost destroyed a home whose owners were away because the firefighters could not find the house or the street. Since then we have also had County street signs installed as well. Unfortunately, this material is no longer available and we now must use a reflective paint with a shorter 'shelf life'.

But we have a lot of new residents who have perhaps previously lived in a subdivision with straight streets and numbers painted on the curbs as well as on the very visible front of the house. Sometimes our mailboxes are across the street or at the foot of a 300-foot driveway and a house can scarcely be seen around a curve through a stand of palo verde or mesquite trees. And some of our mailboxes are in dire need of repainting so the numbers cannot be read easily, even during daylight hours. What will be discussed, in addition to covering Rural Metro's various services and new technology, is a way for them to find us quickly.

We will find out what Rural Metro needs from us to speed up the response process. We will also learn what we can do to make our homes safer and more accessible.



Neighborhood Watch Meeting

This will also be one of the two annual mandated *Neighborhood Watch* meetings, with sign-ups for new groups and information for existing ones.

Be there – your very life could depend on what you learn.

WHERE IS THAT AMBULANCE?



While we love our wandering, unlit curling narrow roads in Flecha Caida, they can be a confusing maze for an emergency vehicle trying to find us bringing aid.

We had a medical emergency one night and called Rural Metro. They immediately sent out the ambulance but for several important minutes they were unable to find the driveway that led to our house. We have three driveways; the first one does not lead to our house. The one that reaches the door is about a hundred yards farther along, and around a blind curve! Precious time was lost while they sat at the end of the wrong driveway wondering where we were.

What can we do to help them find our houses? Our mailboxes are about the only helpful markers and half of them are on the opposite side of the road. We have invited a speaker from Rural Metro to address this serious problem at our next annual meeting. Let's hope we can find a way to help. We hope you will come and bring your questions.

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