

BETMAR ACRES CLUB, INC.
A 55+ Older Community
Operating Policy and Procedure
127
BETMAR SECURITY

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Version 127.2

SCOPE: The scope of this policy is to describe twenty-four (24) hour security services for the Betmar Community. Betmar Acres Club, Inc. bylaws shall guide the policy. It applies to Betmar Acres Club, Inc. Board of Directors, Trustees, Security Volunteers, and Betmar resident lot owners/renters.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the policy and procedure is to describe hours of operation, security team designation, payment of contracted services for nighttime security and delineate volunteer non-criminal services activities.

POLICY:

1. Betmar Acres Club, Inc. corporate goal is to provide twenty-four-hour (24), seven (7) days a week security services for the Betmar Community.
2. The Betmar Acres Club, Inc. Board of Trustees shall oversee all security operations and provide the necessary resources and equipment for the Security Team
3. Pasco County Sheriff shall provide nighttime security as voted by the membership. An annual security assessment as outlined in the Betmar Acres Club, Inc. bylaws shall provide funding to cover the cost of nighttime security.
4. The Security Chief/Assistant Chief and the Trustee Liaison or his/her designee are authorized to communicate with the Pasco County Sheriff's department and other law enforcement agencies to establish good relationships and lines of communication.
5. Daytime and Nighttime security shall have full authority on behalf of Betmar Acres Club, Inc. to enforce parking restrictions, vehicle, golf cart, bicycle, and foot traffic regulations within the common ground boundaries.
6. Volunteer security will not be armed.
7. Any club or activity planning use of Betmar sidewalks or county roads must call Security to establish road safety.

8. The welfare and safety of Betmar residents is a priority. The “Good Samaritan Act” states:

“Any person, including those licensed to practice medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment... shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment.”

This shall encompass use of the AED.

PROCEDURE:

1. Trustees
 - a. Shall review the annual Pasco County Sheriff contract costs, and develop, in cooperation with the security team, a security budget to include in the annual Betmar Acres Club, Inc. budget for the Board of Director acceptance and membership approval.
 - b. Shall serve as liaison with the Pasco County Sheriff Nighttime patrol and communicate with Pasco County on all other matters.
 - i. Report areas of concern to the Nighttime Sheriff patrol.
 - ii. Assure either the Pasco County Sheriff or a trustee carries the nighttime phone seven (7) days a week.
 - iii. Provide monthly reports to membership at General Assemblies and to the Betmar Acres Board of Directors.
 - c. Shall appoint a Security Team Chief who shall:
 - i. Provide weekly reports to the Trustees.
 - ii. Report problems requiring resolution to the Trustees.
 - iii. Devise a volunteer schedule to cover daytime patrol and other events. (parades, door guards, election duty etc.)
 - iv. Orient new members and assure AED training is completed.
 - v. Maintain notebook of Betmar Dark House forms and establish a pattern of inspection of homes.
2. Security Team
 - a. A volunteer force comprised of Betmar resident lot owners/or renters shall provide daytime security.

- b. The team shall preferably work in pairs as much as possible using a Betmar security golf cart.
- c. The Security Team shall handle the following non-criminal activities (this list is NOT all inclusive).
 - i. Answer security phones.
 - ii. Respond to Betmar community member requests for assistance.
 - iii. Inform solicitors we are a “No Solicitation” community and ask them to leave the Betmar Community.
 - iv. In cases of trespassing, theft of property, unnecessary loitering, noise, animal issues, etc., *ensuring the appropriate Pasco County Department is contacted.*
 - 1. Security team members shall not enter a suspected crime scene (open door), confront a suspicious character or engage in any activity endangering self. They are to call the Pasco County Sheriff.
 - 2. If it is a report of a crime in progress, instruct caller to call 911.
 - v. Assist with traffic control, in the absence of Pasco County Officials, at and during emergencies within the Betmar Community.
 - vi. Maintain a log of incidents and give to the trustees every week.
 - vii. Assist with storm response in Betmar as outlined in Policy 143 and under the direction of the Disaster Response Team.
- d. Wellness Checks:
 - i. A family member, a point of contact listed with the office, or a neighbor may request a Betmar Security wellness check.
 - ii. Any resident may call the Pasco County Sheriff’s office and request a wellness check.
 - iii. Betmar Security checks shall be limited to knocking on door and await a response.
 - iv. Betmar Security shall not enter a home; but, may assure the appropriate Pasco County Department is called.

VERSION	APPROVED BY	REVISION DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	AUTHOR
127	Owners Board of Directors	3-17-2016		
127.1	Owners/Acres Board of Directors	4-20-2023	Replaces policy 127 dated 3-17-2016	P & P committee
127.2	Owners/Acres BOD	6-26-2025	Updates responsibilities	P and P committee

127.2 Approved:

Policy and Procedure Chairperson: _____ Date _____

President Betmar Owners Inc. _____ Date _____

Three (3) Year Policy and Procedure Committee Review Date:

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