

## B. Benck

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**To:** Jeri langman, Interim City Manager  
**Subject:** RE: YOUNG ADULT PROBLEMS on NW 157th Ave & NW 160th Place.

Jeri,

Regarding the conversation you and I had concerning the problem on 158<sup>th</sup> and 160th as I explained to you then, we are addressing the problem through increased patrols and selective enforcement, a "task force" is not warranted in this situation. In law enforcement a task force is put to gather when a problem extends beyond a single jurisdiction, this is not the situation in this case. The tone of this correspondence sounds as if I were not following up on you request as you state "I am requesting again". If you recall the first day you mentioned this I sent out a increased patrol to all officers and had an officer respond out there that afternoon, and yesterday both myself and Ofc Shenk responded. I will remind my officers to pay close attention to this problem this weekend but as you know we have had an armed abduction and robbery recently and they are working very hard on these cases. If we cannot control the young drivers this weekend I will bring some officers in on an overtime basis and focus them on the issue.

The schedule for this weekend is as follows:

Friday night-Ofc. Joy

Saturday-Ofc. Holley

Saturday night-Sgt. Sheppard

Sunday- Ofc. Holley

Sunday night-Sgt. Sheppard

All of the officers have personal cell phones, but if we use the supervisor phone we will not be exposing the officers personal phones to public records laws. The department cell phone that the supervisor/senior officer will have is 386.588.4021. If this number fails CCC can get a message to the senior officer.

If you receive any more complaints about this problem or any other please give the complaining party my cell phone number and I will be happy to talk with them.

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**From:** Jeri langman, Interim City Manager [<mailto:jangman@highsprings.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2011 1:41 PM  
**To:** [bbenck@highspringspd.com](mailto:bbenck@highspringspd.com)  
**Cc:** Angela Stone  
**Subject:** YOUNG ADULT PROBLEMS on NW 157th Ave & NW 160th Place.  
**Importance:** High

Bill,

I have spoken to you twice in the last three days regarding the calls from residents on NW160th Place that are complaining about the roads being damaged by 4 wheelers and young drivers drag racing with their pickup trucks on 160<sup>th</sup> Place.

The young drivers are gathering about ½ block west on 160<sup>th</sup> Place on the north side of the road and partying and racing until late in the evening, this has been happening each weekend (especially on Sunday afternoon) and occurred on this past Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday night.

I drove by the area last night at 11pm – there are beer cans and tire tracks all over the road. The young drivers are defiant and fearless.

I am requesting again, that you create a task force to tamp these two issues down, the young 4 wheelers and the drag racing/partying, the 4 wheelers are damaging the road and creating a risk for themselves as well as traffic on the roadway; the young drivers are both a hazard and a disturbance issue.

I would prefer not to have calls on Tuesday morning about this.

Please give me the names and phone numbers of the supervising officers for tonight, tomorrow and Sunday.

I look forward to speaking to you and your officers this evening.

Kindest regards,



Jeri Langman, Interim City Manager

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