

## **GSV Program for January, 2018**

Kelly Washington, a Stonegate resident and a member of the Montgomery County Police Department for 24 years, visited the Greater Stonegate Village members to discuss crime in and around Stonegate.

Indicating that crime can happen anywhere, Kelly talked about ways to reduce the likelihood of becoming a crime victim both in your own home or outside of it. He advised not letting unknown individuals into your home and ensuring that anyone desiring to work on your home have a Montgomery County License. He reminded the attendees that they should not do anything to advertise that they are away from home, such as allowing uncollected newspapers to pile up. Likewise, advertising the possessions in the home by leaving cardboard boxes and packing containers in plain sight should be avoided.

In addition to his anecdotal advice, Kelly distributed information from the Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection.

