

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

“A Community Action and Problem Solving Program”

What is Neighborhood Watch?

The Neighborhood Watch, Community Action and Problem-Solving Program is one of the most effective means available for resolving issues within your community. Through organized problem-solving activities and information on a wide variety of crime prevention and “quality of life” topics, your block can reduce crime in your neighborhood and address any community issue that concerns residents.

The Neighborhood Watch program relies on the best tool ever invented - a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere.

<i>Neighborhood Watch Is:</i>	<i>Neighborhood Watch Is Not:</i>
Focusing on Community Issues	Guard Duty
Forming Community Action Groups	Putting yourself into dangerous situations
Getting to Resolutions	Vigilantism
Learning to be aware of suspicious activity	Feeling intimidated by the criminal element
Knowing what to do to respond to that suspicious activity	Hard to initiate or maintain

Communication is the key to the Neighborhood Watch Program! In today’s fast-paced society, neighbors seldom speak, let alone get to know each other. This is a terrible loss. We tend to look after our own and those we care about. The Neighborhood Watch Program encourages neighborhood unity through periodic meetings and community events. Through Neighborhood Watch you will become acquainted with your neighbors. Who knows, you may even gain a friend or two!

Neighborhood Watch is a *police/community partnership* and an educational process by which neighbors can learn to resolve neighborhood issues while reducing the risk of crime encroaching on their neighborhood.

How do you start Neighborhood Watch?

It's easy! Simply select the area to be covered by your Neighborhood Watch block. A block consists of 12-20 homes that surround you. Personally contact and talk with as many block participants as possible. Share the above information about the Neighborhood Watch Program and ask neighbors to participate.

Next contact me at the number listed below to schedule the first meeting. The Office of the Sheriff presents Neighborhood Watch meetings on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are typically held at the home of someone in the neighborhood. When the date for the meeting has been set, simply notify your neighbors and that’s it! We will do the rest.



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