

CRIME ALERT



The Office of the Sheriff is issuing this Crime Alert due to an increase in **Petty Theft From Vehicles** occurring in Discovery Bay. Discovery Bay reported 12 petty theft crimes to the Sheriff's Office on Monday January 30th. To reduce your chances of becoming a victim, follow the crime prevention tips below:

Auto Burglary Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Ensure vehicle is locked at all times (even when in the garage)
- ✓ Ensure windows completely rolled up
- ✓ Ensure sunroof is completely closed
- ✓ Remove EVERYTHING from vehicle when you leave:
 - Keys
 - Laptops
 - Clothes & Shoes
 - Wallets
 - Cell Phones
 - Stereo Faceplates
 - Purses
 - Cash
 - Documents with Personal Information
 - Bags
 - CD's
 - Garage door opener
 - Jewelry
 - Mail
- ✓ Park in well lit areas
- ✓ Install an alarm system and use it faithfully
- ✓ Start a Neighborhood Watch program
- ✓ Report ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!



Call 9-1-1 to report an emergency or crime in progress

Call (925) 646-2441 to report a non-emergency situation or a crime that is not in progress



For information on starting a "Neighborhood Watch Program" contact your neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist Tony Fontenot at (925) 634-0585 or afont@so.cccounty.us



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.

Neighborhood Watch Is:	Neighborhood Watch Is Not:
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 the Office of the Sheriff’s Crime Prevention Unit at the number listed below to schedule the first meeting. The Office of the Sheriff presents Neighborhood Watch meetings on Monday or Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are typically held at the home of someone in the neighborhood. When the date for meeting #1 has been set, simply notify your neighbors and that’s it! We will do the rest.

Take a positive first step towards a safer community!



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