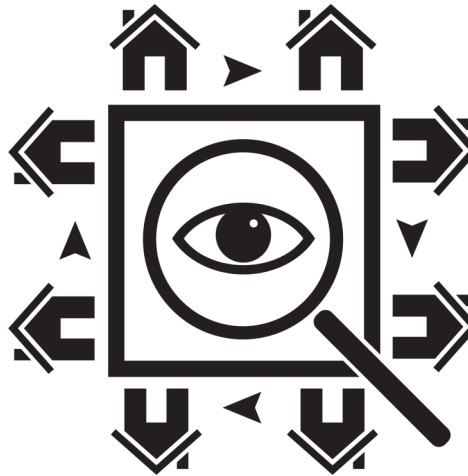


Report ALL Suspicious Activity to the Sheriff's Office

- Anyone looking into parked cars
- A stranger lurking around a neighbor's home
- Anyone loitering around neighborhood schools
- Anyone carrying unwrapped property down the street
- Anyone peering into a home
- Any suspicious occupied vehicle
- Vehicles parked in the neighborhood for an abnormal amount of time
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with not apparent destination or without lights

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING.**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AREA



Crime prevention begins at home.

The goal is to make your neighborhood a safer and more comfortable place to live through crime prevention and problem solving strategies. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between the community and the Sheriff's Office.

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Neighborhood Watch with YOUR Sheriff's Office



An Organized Effort by Residents to
Look Out for Each Other's Safety

What is Neighborhood

Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a Community Action and Problem-Solving Program, and one of the most effective means available for resolving issues within your community. Through organized problem-solving activities, your block can remove crime from your neighborhood and address any community issues that concern residents.



The Neighborhood Watch program relies on the best tool ever invented—a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. Neighborhood Watch is not guard-duty. It's focusing on community issues, forming community action groups, getting to resolutions, which entails being aware of suspicious activity and knowing what to do about it. It also develops a friendly, neighborhood communication network. Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around.

How to Start a Neighborhood

Watch Group

It's easy! Select the area to be covered by your Neighborhood Watch block. A block consists of 10-50 homes that surround you. Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist to set up your first meeting. Meetings will be held on a Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM. The Crime Prevention Specialist will give you a flyer to print and pass out to your neighbors. As a Neighborhood Watch Captain, personally contact and talk with as many block participants as possible. Share the information about the meeting and invite them to attend.

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What a NW Captain does:

- Serves as a liaison between residents and the Sheriff's Office
- Recruit new NW members, striving for 100% participation
- Responsible for making and distributing block/community maps
- Notify members of upcoming meetings
- Distribute crime alerts and information
- It is important to hold the meeting in the home of a neighbor to encourage an informal atmosphere. If this is not possible, consider the following possibilities:
 - * Neighborhood School
 - * Church
 - * Community Center
 - * Local library meeting room
- Plan to have additional group meetings and other activities, such as BBQs, ice cream socials, etc., to continue to tell the crime element you've claimed your neighborhood from them!



What We Do:

- Prepare a meeting agenda and discuss the following:
 - * Purpose of Neighborhood Watch—what it is and what it is not
 - * Define law enforcement's role
 - * Discuss *specific* crime problems in your neighborhood
- Provide the NW group with signs to post in the neighborhood