



Neighborhood Watch



A partnership between communities and law enforcement for safer neighborhoods.

About Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention and a stepping stone to creating and maintaining healthy communities.

The Neighborhood Watch program was designed to encourage community involvement in the prevention of residential crime. Watch groups are independent groups of neighbors who have decided to join together in their crime prevention efforts.

Getting to know your neighbors is the first step to being able to identify suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Start a group in your neighborhood to help reduce crime using Neighborhood Watch concepts.

Together, we can help make your neighborhood safer!



How Do I Start a Watch Group?

Congratulations on considering Neighborhood Watch as a way to help make your neighborhood safer! Below are a few steps to help you get your group started.

- Get together with your neighbors to determine if there is interest in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area. Be sure to let them know that Neighborhood Watch does NOT require patrolling or attending lengthy meetings!
- Determine a good date, time, and location for an introductory meeting.
- Work with your group members to determine areas of crime prevention to focus on or goals for your group. Develop an action plan to help meet those goals.
- Figure out the best way for your group members to communicate with each other in emergency and non-emergency situations.
- Communicate regularly with each other through periodic meetings, email, or group text.

More information on starting a Neighborhood Watch group can be found at www.lanesheriff.org under Crime Prevention!



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Neighborhood Watch is an observe-and-report program. Neighborhood Watch members benefit from getting to know each other so they can spot suspicious activity and report it to their local law enforcement agency. When you see something that doesn't seem quite right, knowing what details to pay attention to can make a huge difference! Here are a few tips on what information is helpful to note in case you have to call the police:

Describing a Suspicious Person

- Approximate age, height, and weight
- Race and gender
- Hair color, length, and style
- Type and color of clothing
- Visible scars, marks, and tattoos
- Presence or lack of facial hair

Describing a Suspicious Vehicle

- Note make, model, approximate year, and color
- License plate if possible
- Note any bumper stickers, dents, rusted areas, or aftermarket additions that might help law enforcement spot the vehicle.

Quick Reference Numbers

Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch
541-682-4179

Sheriff's Office General Business
541-682-4150

Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency
541-682-4150, press 1

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

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