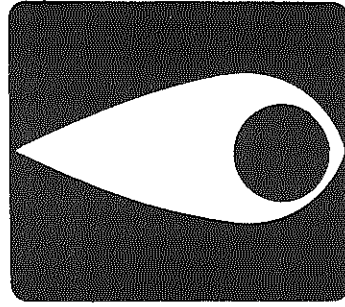


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WHAT IS COMMUNITY WATCH?

COMMUNITY WATCH IS CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES CITIZENS WORKING WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO REDUCE CRIME AND VICTIMIZATION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

IT INVOLVES:

1. Citizens protecting themselves and their property by using common sense crime prevention practices.
2. Neighbors getting to know each other, watching out for each other and acting on or reporting suspicious activities.
3. Citizens working with groups, community leaders, and, more importantly, law enforcement to make entire communities safe and free from crime.

COMMUNITY WATCH: Neighbors looking out for each other.

WHY START A COMMUNITY WATCH?

Because law enforcement officers cannot be on every street corner, citizen's involvement is necessary to combat crime. On average, there are approximately two law enforcement officers for every 1,000 citizens.

You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community. By cooperating with each other and with the police, citizens can help fight crime in the most effective way - preventing the victimization of themselves, their families and friends. You are the key element in fighting crime.

GET INVOLVED!

COMMUNITY WATCH WORKS

The goal of COMMUNITY WATCH is to make criminals aware that their every move is being watched and will be reported to police.

Across North Carolina, citizens work together to secure their homes, mark their valuables, identify drug dealers, develop child safety programs, and improve the environment in which they and their families live.

TO START A COMMUNITY WATCH

1. Contact your local Police or Sheriff's Department about setting up a **COMMUNITY WATCH** program. They can assist with information, materials and technical advice. Ask for the Crime Prevention officer.
2. Schedule a meeting with your neighbors in a church, home, community building, volunteer fire department or other location.
3. Invite the Crime Prevention Officer or another law enforcement officer to speak at your original meeting to help you get your **COMMUNITY WATCH** program started.
4. Contact every resident in your community and invite them to the meeting. Do this by making door-to-door visits, phone calls, or mailing flyers.
5. Hold your meeting.

COMMUNITY WATCH WORKS WHEN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED AND STAY INVOLVED

SOME COMMUNITY WATCH ACTIVITIES

Operation I.D. This program involves engraving your valuable personal property with your driver's license number thus making it easier to identify if it is stolen. Your local crime prevention officer can supply you with an engraver.

Community Clean-UP Sponsor a community clean-up effort with your group. You are already working on cleaning up the crime in your community - make it a beautiful place to live at the same time.

Community Watch Signs You may wish to purchase signs that identify your community as a place where citizens look after each other. The crime prevention unit will be able to assist you.

Awareness Programs There may be some specific crime problems in your neighborhood that your Community Watch group wants to target. Educate your members on such topics as:

Drug Abuse Prevention

Sexual Abuse Prevention

Child Abuse Prevention

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

... and many other. Don't limit yourself!

PACT (Police And Community Together)

The PACT initiative is an expansion of the community policing effort of the Greenville Police Department's patrol division. Patrol officers have begun attending all community meetings in their assigned districts. This is in attempt to improve community - police relations, to identify surface and underlying quality of life concerns, and identify criminal activity. Once identified, the district officer will work with the community in their district on community empowerment in solving their concerns.

REMEMBER: Criminals gravitate to places where they feel safe and secure. They avoid neighborhoods where they are likely to get caught. When they are neither wanted nor welcome, they go someplace else. Start a **COMMUNITY WATCH** program today!!!

COMMUNITY WATCH SECURITY TIPS

MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK OCCUPIED

Leave some lights and a radio on when you're out.

LOCK YOUR DOORS

Never leave your house open for "just a moment," always lock your doors when you're out.

USE DEADBOLT LOCKS

A deadbolt lock is a good deterrent to burglars.

DON'T HIDE A KEY OUTSIDE

Burglars know all the secret hiding places.

BRACE SLIDING GLASS DOORS

If the door is braced, the only way a burglar can get through it is to break it.

INSTALL GOOD EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Motion sensor lights and other good lights don't let a burglar hide in the dark.

KEEP BUSHES AND SHRUBS TRIMMED

If bushes are too high, someone hiding near your windows and doors cannot be seen.

STOP MAIL AND PAPER DELIVERIES

If you go on vacation, stop deliveries or have one of your neighbors collect your mail and papers.

GET A DOG

Even a small dog may be a deterrent to a burglar.

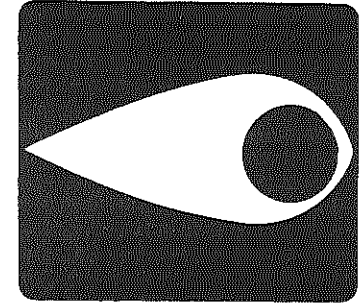
INSTALL AN ALARM SYSTEM

Burglars avoid houses with alarms.

For more information call the
Greenville Police Department Crime
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