

## NEWS RELEASE

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**NATURE OF STORY:                   SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECRUITS FOR  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEERS**

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is recruiting for Neighborhood Watch Volunteers. There are currently 25 established Neighborhood Watch groups in Lane County. This is a very large County with over 330,000 residents and is comparable in size to the state of Connecticut.

Neighborhood Watch groups, the foundation of community crime prevention, were created to encourage citizen involvement in preventing residential crime. Involved neighbors report suspicious activities to the Lane County Sheriff's Office; members watch out for their neighbors either through observing from their homes or through patrols. Patrols may be foot patrols or vehicle patrols.

Neighborhood Watch educates participants in the principles of deterrence, delay, and detection. The program depends on a communication network organized with three levels of participants - the resident, watch leaders, and the Sheriff's Office.

"Given our budget situation, we need to utilize citizen volunteers as frequently as possible to be the eyes and ears that help keep this community safe.", Lane County Sheriff Russ Burger said.

Neighborhood Watch is a proven crime-reduction program, and like any self-help program, its success depends upon you and your neighbor.

- **Neighborhood Watch does not condone vigilante actions.**
- **No one is asked to take personal risks.**

If you are interested in participating in a Neighborhood Watch Program you can contact the Sheriff's Office at 682-4178, or visit the Neighborhood Watch web page at <http://www.lanecounty.org/NeighborhoodWatch/default.htm>, or send an e-mail to [neighborhood.watch@co.lane.or.us](mailto:neighborhood.watch@co.lane.or.us).

**A Neighborhood Watch informational brochure can be viewed at:**  
[http://www.lanecounty.org/NeighborhoodWatch/documents/nw\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.lanecounty.org/NeighborhoodWatch/documents/nw_brochure.pdf)

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