

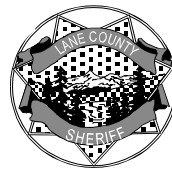
Organizing a Program

- 1 Visit your neighbors. Tell them you are interested in discouraging crime in the area. Ask for their help.
- 2 Contact the Sheriff's Office to address the group or to answer questions.
- 3 If the group decides to organize a Neighborhood Watch they appoint a leader or representative to the Sheriff's Office.
- 4 Applications are then submitted to the Sheriff's Office for approval.
- 5 Watch leaders prepare a watch map which may include names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and vehicle descriptions from each participating resident in the area. Copies are distributed to participating households.
- 6 Once the Sheriff's Office requirements are met Watch leaders are encouraged to place Neighborhood Watch signs at each entrance to the neighborhood.

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

Neighborhood Watch Crime Facts

- ◆ Burglary and thefts from auto's are the most prevalent neighborhood crimes.
- ◆ Household burglary is one of the easiest crimes to commit *and* prevent.
- ◆ Most home burglars are young amateurs looking for easy targets.
- ◆ Statistics show that in over one-half of household burglaries, there was no forced entry involved.



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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 further citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. Neighbors are encouraged to report suspicious activities to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

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

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

Members agree to...

- ◆ Attend Watch group meetings.
- ◆ Secure their homes and personal property.
- ◆ Report suspicious activity.
- ◆ Share appropriate crime information with neighbors.

Watch Leaders agree to...

- ◆ Schedule periodic group meetings and encourage each resident to attend.
- ◆ Act as a representative or liaison between members and the Lane County Sheriff's Office.
- ◆ Tell new neighbors about the program.
- ◆ Keep the member area watch map up to date.
- ◆ Distribute any special information to the group such as crime patterns in the area.
- ◆ Make Lane County Neighborhood Watch published information available to members.
- ◆ Organize and coordinate vehicle patrols in rural areas if desired.

The Sheriff's Office agrees to...

- ◆ Explain the concept of Neighborhood Watch to interested parties.
- ◆ Direct residents toward an active Neighborhood Watch group.
- ◆ Provide the groups with an initial meeting to discuss the neighborhood and assist in problem solving.
- ◆ Provide basic start-up training and consulting.
- ◆ Process applications.
- ◆ Refer to other agencies for neighborhood livability issues.
- ◆ Advise deputies assigned in the area of upcoming meetings, when requested.
- ◆ Act in an advisory capacity to the Lane County Neighborhood Watch Board .
- ◆ Maintain records of active Neighborhood Watch groups.