

What is Town Watch?

The Neighborhood Watch program is undoubtedly one of the oldest and most well known crime prevention concepts in history. While the modern day concept of Neighborhood Watch came into prominence in the late 1960's in response to an increasing burglary rate, its roots in America can actually be traced all the way back to the days of the Colonial settlements when the night watchmen patrolled the streets.

The Neighborhood Watch program has evolved into a comprehensive crime prevention program. The foundation for a successful Neighborhood Watch Program involves active participation from citizens, working in conjunction with local law enforcement. The program fosters partnerships between the community and local law enforcement with the common goal to reduce crime and maintain the quality of life of its citizens. The Neighborhood Watch program provides a vehicle for which residents can use to take an active roll in maintaining a safe community.

Law enforcement officials interact with Tract Coordinators and Block Captains, providing statistical information regarding their neighborhood and resources to help address related problems. Members of the program learn crime prevention strategies, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.), crime reporting techniques, identification of personal property through Operation ID, and preventative measures one could take to avoid becoming a "Victim". Additionally, local law enforcement gains valuable information regarding neighborhood problems and, as a result, can tailor their enforcement strategies to address such problems.

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