

# Concord Police Department



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

**Concord Police Neighborhood Watch Coordinator**

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that integrates the members of a community to actively to engage with one another to discuss and report criminal activity that is affecting the quality of life within their neighborhood to law enforcement. This collaboration allows each group to discuss, plan and address the concerns of the community to reduce crime, fear and improve the quality of life within the community.

### **WHAT ISSUES ARE AFFECTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Breaking & Entering of residences
- Breaking & Entering of vehicles
- Drug Activity
- Prostitution
- Abandoned homes or vehicles
- Property Damage/Vandalism
- Robbery from a person/Larceny of property
- Littering/ illegal dumping
- Excessive Speeding/ Other traffic hazards

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A PROGRAM**

Implementing a Neighborhood Watch program brings residents together to build better relationships to work together to address the concerns of the community. When you build relationships within your community, you create stronger communication between one another and your local law enforcement agency. When residents work together, they can help report and deter criminal activity within the area.

Every resident is encouraged to participate because it is a simple and cost effective way for all residents to share information, learn crime prevention tips, and report vital information to the police department.

### **WHAT THE PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED TO DO**

- A. Be an immediate fix to all problems and issues that are reported to law enforcement.
- B. Create a way for residents to become vigilantes by taking the law into their own hands.
- C. To place residents in danger by feeling they have to respond to crime in progress.
- D. Allow a place for residents to ridicule, berate, or hash out personal issues with one another during meetings.
- E. Present a 100% guarantee that crime will not occur in the neighborhood.
- F. To solely rely on law enforcement to address all community issues or incidents.

### **INITIATING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

- A. Contact your local law enforcement agency to speak with the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to discuss your concerns on starting a Neighborhood Watch program. Report details of activities that are affecting the community. Try to include specific addresses, time of day, and the activity that is being observed or that concerns you.
- B. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator can then assist you with information needed to initiate a program in your area. Information packets and other resources will be needed in-order to create a recognized Neighborhood Watch program.
- C. Visit with your neighbors and advised them that you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch Program, and advised them of the benefits of creating a program in your neighborhood. Advise residents that you would like to have their input about any concerns they may have. Have them to complete a sign-up log and get their contact information so that you can contact them later about holding a meeting.
- D. Give them a copy of the outline of the Neighborhood Watch Program and how it works. Advise residents that you will contact them back with the date, time and location of the initial meeting after discussing initiating the program with them. Initial meetings can be held at a residence in the neighborhood, local church, or community room at a local Fire Station in your area.

- E. After collecting the names of the residents that have shown interest in participating, contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to have them or a representative to attend your initial meeting with the residents. It is important to plan a meeting date well in advance to ensure that he/she will be able to attend the meeting and to allow residents time to plan to attend.
  
- F. Once a date and location has been determined, send out notices of the meeting location and date by delivering fliers door to door, text messages, email and by phone at least 3-4 weeks in advance. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator will assign a liaison from the department to attend your meeting to address the concerns of the residents and advised them how to structure a Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Liaisons, Block Captains, and other volunteers can be selected after enough participation is documented, usually at least 30 % of the residents of the neighborhood need to commit to form an official recognized watch program.

## **CONCORD POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Non-Emergency	704-920-5580
Vice/Narcotics	704-920-6019
Traffic Enforcement	704-920-6055
Criminal Investigations	704-920-5055
Code Enforcement	704-920-5150
City of Concord Customer Care	704-920-5240

Copies of police reports and daily bulletins can be found at the following link.

[www.concordp2c.com](http://www.concordp2c.com)

# **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

## **STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM**

### **Crime Prevention Coordinator**

- A. Works with residents to form a Neighborhood Watch Program to address the concerns of their community.
- B. Presents information on the structure and operation of a Neighborhood Watch Program.
- C. Help address the concerns of the community to other city departments and the police administration.
- D. Informs the District Coordinator of crime trends and other information that may affect residents of the community.

### **1. District Coordinator**

- A. Liaison between community and the police department and Crime Prevention Coordinator.
- B. Recruits volunteers and new members.
- C. Coordinates community meetings and events.
- D. Keeps updated records of participating members.

### **2. Block Captains**

- A. Helps share information between residents on block.
- B. Liaison between district coordinator and residents.
- C. Educates new residents on block about the program.
- D. Updates contact information for participating block residents. E. Helps coordinate and plan community events.

### **3. Members of the community**

- A. Attend watch meetings to discuss crime prevention and meet other residents.
- B. Share information with other neighbors and block captains about recent events.
- C. Report illegal or suspicious activity in the neighborhood to the police immediately.
- D. Look out for other neighbor's property and welfare.
- E. Document and report concerns to discuss with Block captains.









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