

GET INVOLVED!

NEIGHBORHOOD

Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a city program and we want you to be involved!

What's in it for you?

Safer streets and homes, community spirit, camaraderie with neighbors, stronger relationships with law enforcement and so much more. It's easy to participate in Neighborhood Watch. The program embraces and strengthens many things such as watching out for each other's homes and working together to solve problems. Neighborhood Watch brings the power of organization and the ability to focus energy and resources to your community.

Often Neighborhood Watch groups get started because there have been incidents in the community that have caused concern – acts of vandalism, burglaries or auto thefts. These are all the types of crime that Neighborhood Watch is most successful in reducing.

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a community-based program supported by the National Sheriff's Association. Since its inception in 1972, thousands of communities nationwide have established Neighborhood Watch in their neighborhoods and have made a REAL difference in public safety.

Steps to Get Started

1. Contact the City's Public Safety Office at 723-6063 to receive information on the program.
2. Arrange a kick-off meeting
3. Choose a Block Captain
4. Learn Neighborhood Watch basics and how to report crime and suspicious activity
5. Assess neighborhood needs and concerns
6. Build participation
7. Maintain energy and involvement
8. Celebrate with your neighbors by having a barbecue, holiday party or neighborhood clean-up

Staying Active

It's an unfortunate fact that when a neighborhood issue or crime goes away, so does the enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. The key to keeping a Neighborhood Watch group active over time is to maintain people's interest.

Adopt a long-term attitude from the start – the goal is to empower people to prevent crime, to form bonds among residents and law enforcement and to build a base for broader community improvement.

*Why get involved in....
Neighborhood Watch*

- Unites our community
- Reduces fear of crime in the community
- Improves crime reporting citizens
- Increases surveillance in the community
- Prevents and reduces crime
- Builds a partnership with law enforcement

You're Part of the Answer

You can make a difference! Good neighbors are what make a Neighborhood Watch program successful. Neighbors are the "eyes and ears" of their neighborhood. Building a spirit of community helps keep everyone safer and more secure. And that's what Neighborhood Watch is all about!



To start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood, contact the City's Public Safety Office at 723-6063. An information packet will be mailed to you on how to get a Watch group started.

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For more
information**



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Doing Your Part

Reporting crime and suspicious activity is very important to keep crime out of your neighborhood. Report incidents to the Lancaster Sheriff's Station at 948-8466 and then talk to your neighbors about what is occurring.

Examples of incidents to report

- Someone screaming for help
- Someone looking into windows or into parked cars
- Unusual noises
- Property being taken out of closed businesses or houses where no one is home
- Suspicious vehicles moving slowly or driving without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child

Reporting Crime

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies or 948-8466 for non-emergencies
- Briefly describe the incident – what happened, when, where and who was involved
- Describe the suspect's gender, race, height, weight, hair color, clothing and distinctive characteristics such as any facial hair, scars or tattoos
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved; color, make and model, license plate or any distinguishing features such as dents, decals or missing parts like lights or bumpers

Important Phone Numbers

Keep these phone numbers near your phone

City Hall	723-6000
Public Safety Office	723-6063
Code Enforcement	723-6121
Graffiti Removal	723-5985
Community Building	723-6156
Parking Enforcement	723-5992
Barking Dogs	723-5991
Neighborhood Watch	723-6063
Lancaster Sheriff Station (Non-Emergency)	948-8466
Emergency	9-1-1
Streetlight Repair	800-611-1911
Shopping Cart Removal	800-252-4613



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