

Larimer County Sheriff's Office



Crime Prevention Unit

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Neighborhood Watch Overview

January 2016

Neighborhood Watch has been a very effective crime prevention tool for more than 40 years.

- *Unites* the community and increases neighborhood cohesion
- *Improves* surveillance and crime reporting by citizens
- *Prevents* and *reduces* crime
- *Supports* homeland security

Residents serve as the eyes and ears for law enforcement. The Neighborhood Watch program training takes about one hour and covers the following topics:

- Organize – define “watch” areas and leader
- Communicate – email, phone trees, meetings, special outreach/partnering
- Visibility – Neighborhood Watch signs in neighborhood and windows
- Partnership – work with law enforcement, others
- Educate – yourself, children, neighbors
- Report – everything, every time

Also covered are home safety, child and senior safety, and crime prevention tips.

After training, your neighborhood will receive large metal neighborhood watch signs,, small neighborhood watch decals for your doors and brochures providing helpful information to reduce your vulnerability to criminals.

To set up training for your neighborhood, please contact us at 970-498-5159.

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Neighborhood Watch -- Reporting

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Report anything suspicious - every time. If it is in progress - dial 911; if it has already happened - call dispatch non-emergency number 970-416-1985.

DO NOT FOLLOW, CONFRONT OR INVESTIGATE YOURSELF - your safety is #1. Call it in and let the deputy check it out.

When you report - stay calm. Tell the dispatcher the most important info first - what, where, etc.

Gather as much info as you can - safely. Write it down. Description of the person (hair, clothing, tattoos, hat, glasses, direction, on foot or car, etc.) Description of the car (color, type of car, any distinguishing marks on the car like broken window, decals, rust, dents, direction, etc.)

Don't worry about getting someone in trouble -- if they are not doing anything wrong they won't get in any trouble.

Don't think your issue is too minor for the deputy to spend time on - this is their job and they want to take your call and investigate it.

REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES!

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