

## GETTING STARTED

The key to a successful program is active involvement of the area residents. The first step in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program is to organize a community meeting. A representative from the St. Louis County Police Department will be available to speak at such a meeting.

This meeting will be designed to encourage residents to get involved. A Neighborhood Watch coordinator and block captain(s) will be selected or appointed.

Once a coordinator is in place, it is his or her responsibility to keep the program active.



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### RESOURCES

GENERAL INFORMATION	314-889-2341
TTY HEARING IMPAIRED	911 OR 314-889-2345
MUNICIPAL SERVICES UNIT	314-615-0184
SAFE SCHOOLS HOTLINE	314-889-SAFE
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE	1-800-392-3738
CRIMESTOPPERS	1-866-371-TIPS
DRUG HOTLINE	314-863-DOPE
GOVERNMENT CENTER INFO.	314-615-5000
CRIME STATISTICS	314-615-4294

### HEADQUARTERS

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE 314-889-2341  
7900 FORSYTH BOULEVARD  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105

### DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

GENERAL INFORMATION	314-615-5400
PROPERTY CONTROL UNIT	314-615-2597

### PRECINCT STATIONS

NORTH COUNTY (1 <sup>ST</sup> ) PRECINCT	314-355-1200
CENTRAL COUNTY (2 <sup>ND</sup> ) PRECINCT	314-567-9926
AFFTON SOUTHWEST (3 <sup>RD</sup> ) PRECINCT	314-638-5550
SOUTH COUNTY (4 <sup>TH</sup> ) PRECINCT	314-892-1510
CITY OF FENTON (5 <sup>TH</sup> ) PRECINCT	636-349-8120
CITY OF WILDWOOD (6 <sup>TH</sup> ) PRECINCT	636-458-9194
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## HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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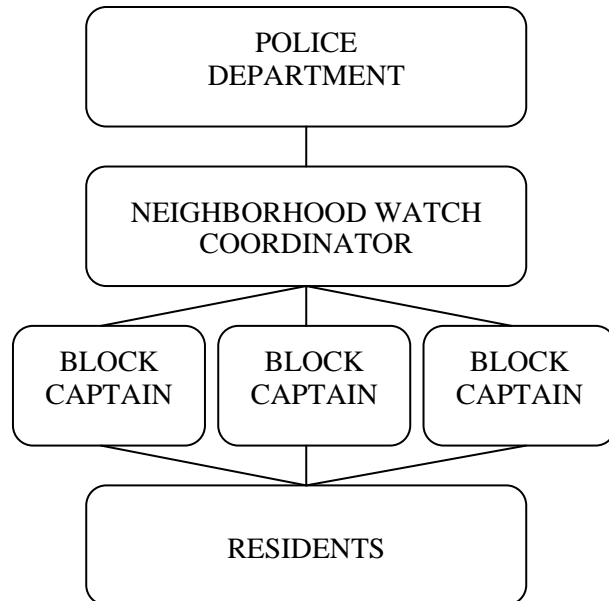
## ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. The program encourages citizens to secure their own homes and personal property. It also emphasizes the importance of calling the police when you see suspicious activity.

The two main principles of the St. Louis County Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program are very simple.

- Encourage residents to properly secure their homes and belongings; and
- Immediately call the police when you see suspicious activity or become a victim of crime.

Following is the basic structure of a Neighborhood Watch Program and a brief overview of the duties involved:



## ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Neighborhood Policing Officer (NPO) at each precinct coordinates the Neighborhood Watch Program. The NPO is the contact person for Neighborhood Watch coordinators.

The St. Louis County Police Department will provide crime-related information to Neighborhood Watch coordinators on a regular basis.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR

- ✓ Act as a liaison between residents and police department.
- ✓ Develop a network of block captains to keep area residents updated on Neighborhood Watch information.
- ✓ Maintain a list of block captains.
- ✓ Provide police department with concerns of area residents (i.e., common ground area where people gather and cause trouble, areas needing traffic enforcement, houses where illegal activity is suspected, etc.).
- ✓ Relay information received from the police department to block captains.
- ✓ Develop and distribute a Neighborhood Watch newsletter (optional).
- ✓ Organize periodic group meetings to reinforce crime prevention techniques and discuss needs of the area.

## BLOCK CAPTAINS

- ◆ Assist the coordinator as needed.
- ◆ Act as liaison between assigned residents and the Neighborhood Watch coordinator.
- ◆ Distribute information provided by the Neighborhood Watch coordinator to residents in a timely fashion.
- ◆ Inform the Neighborhood Watch coordinator of any crime-related problems within your area of responsibility.
- ◆ Contact new residents and brief them on the Neighborhood Watch program. Stress the main principles of Neighborhood Watch.

## RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Secure your own property.
- ❖ Call the police when you see suspicious activity or are the victim of a crime.
- ❖ Attend Neighborhood Watch activities when possible.

**NOTE:** The Neighborhood Watch structure is NOT to be used when a resident needs a police officer dispatched for any reason. It is only used to coordinate the daily crime prevention efforts associated with Neighborhood Watch. Emphasize that residents should call the police directly when they need police service. Call 314-889-2341 to have an officer dispatched to you or 911 if you have any type of emergency.