

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.

The St. Louis County Police Department is proud to be your partner in crime prevention. To get started call the precinct nearest you.

Police Services

Resources	
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	636-529-8210
TTY Hearing Impaired	636-529-8220 or 911
Precincts	
North County	314-615-4297
Central County	314-615-0111
Affton-Southwest	314-638-5550
South County	314-615-0162
City of Fenton	636-349-8120
City of Wildwood	636-458-9194
West County	636-225-0425
City of Jennings	314-385-4672



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How to Start a Neighborhood Watch



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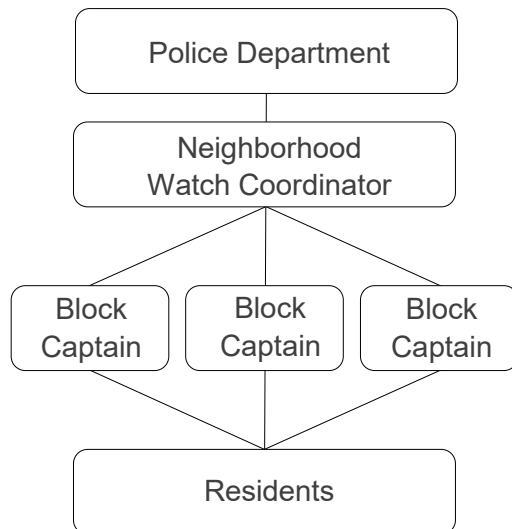
St. Louis County Police Department Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime.

The 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.

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



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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 Responsibilities

- Act as a liaison between residents and the police department.
- Develop a network of block captains to keep area residents updated on Neighborhood Watch information.
- Maintain a list of block captains.
- Provide the police department with concerns of area residents, such as 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 Responsibilities

- 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. Reiterate 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.
- 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. Residents should call the police directly when they need police service. Call 636-529-8210 to have an officer dispatched to you or 911 if you have any type of emergency.