

## Can businesses participate?

Absolutely! Business Watch Groups can have a direct impact on improving economic vitality and reducing crime in commercial corridors. Restaurants, shopping centers, and commercial businesses are eligible to band together to create a Business Watch Group.

## What about hotels and motels?

The department launched a hotel and motel task force in 2022, which continues today. These entities can participate by partnering and complying with strategies developed by the task force. Properties can become certified as Business Watch Groups based upon the owner's commitment to reducing crime and reporting suspicious persons and vehicles to the department.

## What about apartments?

Multi-family apartments are also eligible for Neighborhood Watch Groups. Apply today to start this new journey to increase safety!



## Police Chief Christopher Cook

On behalf of our department, we invite you to participate in Neighborhood Watch Groups, which are crucial to elevate the safety of our community. There are also other ways that you can partner with our team through community engagement initiatives. We hope you take the time to consider your involvement in a time-tested and proven strategy to build a stronger community.

We also have many other programs available:

- Dog Walker Watch
- Citizens on Patrol
- Citizens Police Academy
- Junior Police Academy (Teens)
- Academy 4 Mentoring (4th Graders)
- Elementary School Reading Program
- National Night Out
- Take Me Home Program
- Pastor's Coalition
- Faith and Blue Weekend
- Special Olympics
- UNIDOS Outreach Program



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS

**WARNING**

**CALL 817-246-4973 OR 911**

**ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES ARE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE WHITE SETTLEMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP**

Interested in joining an existing group or starting one in your neighborhood? Contact our team today to learn more about our Neighborhood Watch Groups!

## What are Neighborhood Watch Groups?

A Neighborhood Watch Group is an organized group of residents living in the same geographic area who look out for one another. Neighbors keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity and report it to the Police Department. Residents and businesses join together to meet periodically throughout the year, discuss crime trends provided from your hometown Police Department, and stay in touch to share neighborhood information that seeks to reduce crime and improve your quality of life.

The key to success is the positive relationship with your Police Department. Our officers will attend your community meetings and share information through our quarterly "*The Blue Line Bulletin*" newsletter, monthly podcasts, videos, mobile app, and social networking sites.



## How do I sign up?

Participating in an existing Neighborhood Watch Group or starting a new one on your block is easy. As a volunteer, the first thing to do is contact the Police Department to determine if a group already exists. If your neighborhood already participates, our team will put you into contact with the block captain.

If your neighborhood has not been established yet, our team will provide some information on how to start a new group. This can be accomplished through setting up a meeting with your neighbors and nominating someone to serve as a block captain. A block captain is a vetted volunteer who agrees to oversee the meetings and keep residents connected. All applications to serve as a block captain must be approved by the Police Department.

Email our team at [wpoarch@wspd.us](mailto:wpoarch@wspd.us), or [marmstrong@wspd.us](mailto:marmstrong@wspd.us) or call 817-246-7070 to learn more about this program. Corporals Poarch and Armstrong lead the Neighborhood Watch Group Program.



## Benefits of Neighborhood Watch

There are numerous benefits in participating in Neighborhood Watch Groups.

- Extra eyes and ears for residents
- Keeping an eye on properties when you leave town
- Reduction in criminal activity
- Unified stance against crime across neighborhoods
- Better quality of life
- Greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control
- High visibility sign installed in neighborhood to deter crime
- Positive relationships with your police officers assigned to patrol your area
- Feeling of satisfaction in knowing that you are part of our overall public safety team to make our community stronger

