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WARNING



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**OUR NEIGHBORS ARE WATCHING
TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

**Neighborhood
Watch**

What you can do to help

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WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ?

No Law Enforcement Agency can function effectively without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. We are depending on YOU to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons, actions, or situations. Some people fail to call the police simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and be hesitant to call for fear of seeming a "nosy neighbor" or a "crank." Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity—and do it yourself. Don't worry about "bothering" us because we are YOUR Sheriff's Office. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded. Think instead about what could happen if you don't act.

CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office now utilizes CodeRED® as its Emergency Notification System. With this service, we can send messages to residents and businesses within minutes containing specific information when an emergency or time-sensitive issue arises.

Although ENS does contain published landline phone number information by default, we may only get landline phone data updates twice a year. This is why it is vital that you register all your phone numbers directly to assure contact in an emergency.

By signing up, you also have the ability to enter alternate phone numbers and/or modes of contact. You may also specify your primary contact mode. The opt-in process will require that you have a valid email address. A confirmation email and/or text message will be sent upon completion of registration. This message will be sent from noreply@ycsoaz.gov and may take up to 5 minutes. Once registered, you may opt-out at any time. When delivery of the alert to your primary contact fails, the system will automatically fall back to other methods. If the system detects an answering machine, it will deliver the message to voicemail. If there is no answer, the system will redial the number at a later time or, if specified, fall back to another contact mode.

Are you worried about crime in your neighborhood?



If so, you're not alone. Most likely, your neighbors are concerned too.

By being part of a Neighborhood Watch group you can be part of "looking out for each other"

the main stay of your Neighborhood Watch. To be part is simply being a concerned citizen willing to be involved in improving your neighborhood.

A criminal's job gets a lot tougher in a neighborhood where people are watching out for each other.

GET INVOLVED

GET OTHERS INVOLVED

WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

FORM A GROUP

STEPS TO BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Building a strong Neighborhood Watch program is not an overnight process: it takes patience, planning and dedication. However a successful program will keep a community strong and protected and when a crime or emergency happens, they will be more ready. Keep these steps in mind when starting your group.

FORM A PLANNING COMMITTEE

Keep it small and informal. You need only a few people to make a plan. Discuss the need for a neighborhood program.

INFORM YOUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Let us know that your interested in forming a watch group. We will send you the information needed to start a group.

SURVEY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Find out what the problems are. As a group, tour your area on foot and look for problem areas.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO A FORMATION MEETING

Publicize the meeting with flyers, letters and phone calls. Post your flyer on community bulletin boards. Remember to invite your representative from the Sheriff's Office.

DEFINE YOUR TERRITORY

Agree on the area the Watch will cover. Produce a map to show the Watch Zone. Keep it simple and don't take on an area that's too big to handle.

SET YOUR PRIORITIES

Don't tackle all problems at once. Decide what are the priorities and address them first.

ELECT YOUR OFFICERS

Avoid having one or two people do all the work. A good working group should have:

- A "Watch Coordinator" to help lead the group and be the law enforcement point of contact.
- "Block Captains" to represent individual streets or blocks.
- "Work committees to help with specific tasks.

COLLECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Decide together how to keep people informed of meetings and group activities. Record the members:

- Names & Address
- Phone Numbers
- E-Mail addresses.



GETTING PEOPLE INVOLVED

Some people may be shy about taking part or maybe sharing their information to overcome this, you can:

- Bring the neighbors together, have a block party.
- Schedule a community clean up.
- Have a neighborhood garage sale.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We will supply you with a Neighborhood Watch Email link. From this link you will receive e mail alerts of activity from your Sheriff's Office, and other government agencies that may be of interest to you and your group. (Please note that all information from other government agencies will only come the Sheriff's Media/Crime Prevention team.). You will also receive media releases as they are sent to the media.. You as the coordinator may decide what you want to forward to your group based on their interest.

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