



TANGIPAHOA PARISH SHERIFF'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



PROGRAM



Community Watch Plan

The Community Plan for Neighborhood Watch has been designed to provide step by step instructions for community LEADERS to coordinate and support Local Law Enforcement.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is led by a Community Member who is actively involved and dedicated to the program. The training is designed to enhance local efforts by highlighting important Neighborhood Watch topics such as recruitment of volunteers, managing meetings, target hardening for homes, observations skills and reporting suspicious activities.

The Process: Seven Step Plan

Create Awareness – Forming or revitalizing a Neighborhood Watch Group among the Neighbors.

Organize Volunteers – Letters, flyers, emails, text messages or even billboards can be used to target potential volunteers.

Coordinate with Law Enforcement – Law enforcers can provide information, literature, training and a host of other important assets to build the new or revitalized group.

Identify Concerns, Issues and Problems – Citizen volunteers may take the initiative to address and prioritize their concerns, issues or problems. Other issues may require the implementation of crime reduction strategies by local law enforcement.

Develop Strategies – After the community's concerns have been identified and prioritized the group should turn its attention to developing specific strategies to address these needs.

Training – Neighborhood Watch Leaders and their volunteers should schedule meetings where they can receive training in crime prevention for the Block Captains and Volunteers.

Action Steps – After receiving training the Neighborhood Watch Group is ready to begin a wide range of activities.

Examples of Suspicious Activities



- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home.
- Vehicles moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.

What Deputies need to know...

What happened? • Where? • When?

Persons involved:

- Sex?
- Race?
- Age?
- Height?
- Hair color?
- Clothing?

If vehicle involved:

- License plate number?
- Color?
- Make?
- Model?
- Year?
- Which way did they go?

For more information or if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch you can reach us at:

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