

Richland County Sheriff's Department



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What to think about when Starting or rejuvenating A Neighborhood Watch Program:

- There is a person or group of people committed to starting a Neighborhood Watch
- What is a list of issues initially need to be addressed in your community
- What means of communicating with the resident can be used (i.e. email, flyers, telephone trees)
- How can RCSD help you get publicity for the meetings and crime prevention classes
- How soon can you have a meeting with an agenda that will keep things moving and on track.
- Where is a place to meet: resident's house or apartment, community center, school, library, Sheriff's Department Office in your area
- RCSD will have a crime prevention officer to discuss the crime issues in the neighborhood and to help train members
- Do you want to a map of the community with spaces for names, addresses and phone numbers of all households together
- When can we help pass out brochures or other materials on topics of interest to the residents
- Develop a sign-up sheet for those interested in becoming block or street Captains
- Look into Neighborhood Watch signs to be posted around the community.
- The Sheriff's Department will put together the facts about crime in your neighborhood.
- What other Business and pleasure can be done at the meeting to allow attendees time to socialize and get to know one another
- Seek out neighborhood go-getters – Civic Leaders and elected Officials to attend meetings for Q&A
- Link crime prevention into activities promoted by other groups, Child safety projects, Gang Graffiti removal programs, Community Service.
- Do you have or can you start a neighborhood Newsletter
- What groups (like seniors or teenagers) can be a valuable resources in maintaining your crime watch and/or citizen's patrol program