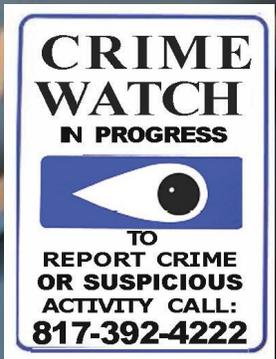


Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU

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Neighborhood Watch is in your community, [but] we need you to get involved!

What's in it for you?

Safer streets and homes, community spirit, camaraderie with your neighbors, stronger relationships with law enforcement, and so much more. And it's easy to participate in Neighborhood Watch!

Neighborhood Watch embraces and strengthens many things we're already doing, such as watching out for each other's homes or working together to solve problems. But Neighborhood Watch brings along the power of organization and the ability to focus energy and resources.

Often Neighborhood Watch groups get started because there have been incidents in the community that have caused concern—acts of vandalism, burglaries, or auto thefts.

These are the types of crime that Neighborhood Watch is the most successful in reducing.

An active Watch group can also help reduce drug dealing and open-air drug markets, discourage gangs, improve the security of young people, and help older neighbors stay safe from crime.



What Is Neighborhood Watch?

Since 1972, when the National Sheriffs' Association implemented the program, Neighborhood Watch has meant neighbors looking out for each other, working on neighborhood problems, and making themselves safer. Members learn how to work with law enforcement and report suspicious activity to the police or sheriff's office.

Most Neighborhood Watch Programs get started in the same way:

- ◆ One or more neighbors become concerned about preserving or improving neighborhood safety.
- ◆ The motivated individual or group of people decides to start a Watch group.
- ◆ They get in touch with the local law enforcement agency about steps to take.
- ◆ They notify the neighborhood and get others involved.
- ◆ Neighbors are trained in home security, crime reporting, property marking, and other Neighborhood Watch basics.
- ◆ The group organizes and decides what additional services to offer, such as citizen patrols to walk or drive through the area and report suspicious activities to law enforcement.
- ◆ They communicate with neighbors through phone trees, fliers, newsletters, or email lists.
- ◆ They organize such events as block parties, cleanups, or graffiti removal



Why Get Involved?

You and your family will be safer. Neighborhood Watch will provide guidance on leading your family through a fire drill, preparing a disaster preparedness plan, and assembling a disaster supplies kit. When you work with your neighbors in Watch activities, you'll learn to look out for homebound seniors or latchkey children and, in return, you'll learn who's looking out for you.

You'll help reduce crime. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.

You'll have a way to get help addressing neighborhood problems that concern you. Neighborhood Watch serves as a springboard for efforts that address concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and traffic safety.

You can learn new skills and get experience using them. You'll learn crime prevention skills, including the ability to be the eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Your whole family can get involved. There's a role for everyone in Neighborhood Watch. Young children can pick up litter and take part in safety programs designed just for them. Youth can teach younger children how to stay safe. Retirees can operate telephone trees, write newsletters, and keep an eye out for daytime problems.



You

Can Do It!

Feel like you don't have the time? You don't have to take on a leadership role. Offer to make a few phone calls. Write a story for the newsletter. Show up at community events even if you can't stay the whole time. Touch base with your neighbors and show that you support the effort. As you go about your daily routines, observe your surroundings. It only takes a moment to notice something suspicious and record and report what you saw. Every effort helps.

Feel like you don't have the skills? Your Neighborhood Watch can train you or help you get training. Neighborhood Watch is also a good way to practice your skills and learn new ones.

Feel like you're still a newcomer to the neighborhood? Neighborhood Watch is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and find people who share your interests. Knowing your neighbors also makes it easier to recognize strangers who may not have legitimate business on your street.

RESOURCES

- National Association of Town Watch
- Volunteers in Police Service
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Citizens on Patrol (COP) - Fort Worth Code Blue
- Fort Worth Crime Prevention

For More Information, Contact your NPO or Crime Prevention Specialist

- East Division.....817-980-8441
- Central Division.....817-392-3997
- North Division.....682-225-0517
- Northwest Division.....817-392-3537
- South Division.....817-32-3405
- West Division.....817-991-5476



AG Paxton Warns Texans About Text Message Scam

Attorney General Ken Paxton today warned Texans about scammers sending text messages that include a false package delivery notice and a fraudulent link. The text messages in question usually claim that a package is pending delivery and requests the recipient to “claim ownership” by providing their credit card and personal information.

Any Texan who receives a suspicious text message should take the following steps:

- Do not click on any links.
- Do not respond to the message, share the message, or give out any personal, financial or identifying information.
- Delete the message and block the number that sent the message.

Report the phone number and message contents to the [Office of the Attorney General](#) or the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

Shipping companies such as DHL, UPS, FedEx and Amazon will not contact consumers about issues with a package via text message. Unsolicited text messages, particularly those containing unfamiliar links or purporting to come from a company you have not contacted first, should always be treated with caution.

Report suspected fraud to the attorney general’s Consumer Protection Division by calling toll-free 1-800-621-0508 or by filing an online complaint at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/file-consumer-complaint>.

BE THE ONE

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please call the 24-hour hotline
to report suspicious activity

1-888-3737-888

or

text: 233733

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2022-2023 Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

8 Hour Class & 4 Hour Refresher Class Schedule

Location: FWPD Headquarters. 505 W Felix St

DATE	TIME	8 Hour Class	4 Hour Refresher
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	0900 - 1300		✓
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	0900 - 1700	✓	
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	0900 - 1300		✓
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	0900 - 1700	✓	

All participants must pre-register! Send an email to Officer JB Henderson (Johnny.Henderson@fortworthtexas.gov). This course is for all apartment managers, assistant managers, leasing agents and maintenance personnel. The 8 hour course is for those that have not attended in the past.

CRIME WATCH TRAINING

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	4:00 PM	Meadowbrook Library
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	4:00 PM	Meadowbrook Library
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	4:00 PM	Meadowbrook Library

Times and Locations are subject to change. Please call Steve Kaneaster at 817-392-5520 if you or your group wish to attend. Also, we can meet at other times and places.

Community Camera Program



Do you have video surveillance
at your home or business?

As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime, thus keeping our community safer. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may have this potentially vital information.

Residents and businesses across the city can register their privately owned surveillance camera systems.

To Register your camera system go to:

[https://
www.fortworthpd.com/
OnlineServices/Cameras/](https://www.fortworthpd.com/OnlineServices/Cameras/)





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Special Needs Assistance Program

The Fort Worth Office of Emergency Management is asking residents with a special, access or functional need to register in its free Special Needs Assistance Program, known as SNAP.

Register online or by calling the Office of Emergency Management at 817-392-6170 or 817-392-6144. Registration is in English or Spanish.

<https://apps.fortworthtexas.gov/SNAP/>



The City of Fort Worth is partnering with Deaf Link to provide the Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) which will send accessible alert messages to registered residents who are Deaf,

Blind, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf/Blind before, during, and after an emergency or disaster in the City of Fort Worth.

Fort Worth AHAS subscribers in an area affected by an emergency or disaster will be able to receive an accessible alert message in American Sign Language (ASL) and English voice and text. The alert message could include information about the emergency and what actions to take.

Fort Worth AHAS will send accessible alert messages to internet and video capable devices such as computers, cell phones, smart phones, tablet computers, and wireless Braille readers.

Prepare, Plan, and Stay Informed.

Go To <http://ftw.ahasalerts.com/Default.aspx>

Smoke Alarm for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



If interested: Please contact
Fire Safety Education Office
Phone: (817) 392-6862

Email:

Smoke.Detector@fortworthtexas.gov



Crime Stoppers hotline, 817-469-TIPS (8477), and website are operated by the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Call Center. The call center is staffed by off-duty public safety dispatchers and other trained personnel, who take calls and online submissions and then disseminate the tip information to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. Each caller will receive a tip number to be used in all future correspondence.

Every tipster remains ANONYMOUS; callers do not have to identify themselves. A reward of up to \$1,000 will be offered to anyone who provides a tip that leads to an arrest for a crime or a criminal case cleared.

CITIZENS ON PATROL TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Contact Stephen Stous
@ 817-392-5955**



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TAKE PICTURES, MARK YOUR
PROPERTY, AND STORE IN A
SAFE PLACE**

