



Charleston County Sheriff's Office

CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

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Neighborhood Crime Watch

Starts with People Just Like You!

We are committed to the development and initiation of Community Crime Prevention Programs that support each and every neighborhood to form a Neighborhood Watch Program





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Dear Neighborhood Watch Participants:

Charleston County Sheriff's Office is totally committed to the task of reducing crime and providing a safer and better quality of life for our citizens.

Through the Crime Watch Program for the citizens and community groups, selected proactive participation is necessary to reduce the opportunity and desire of potential offenders to commit crimes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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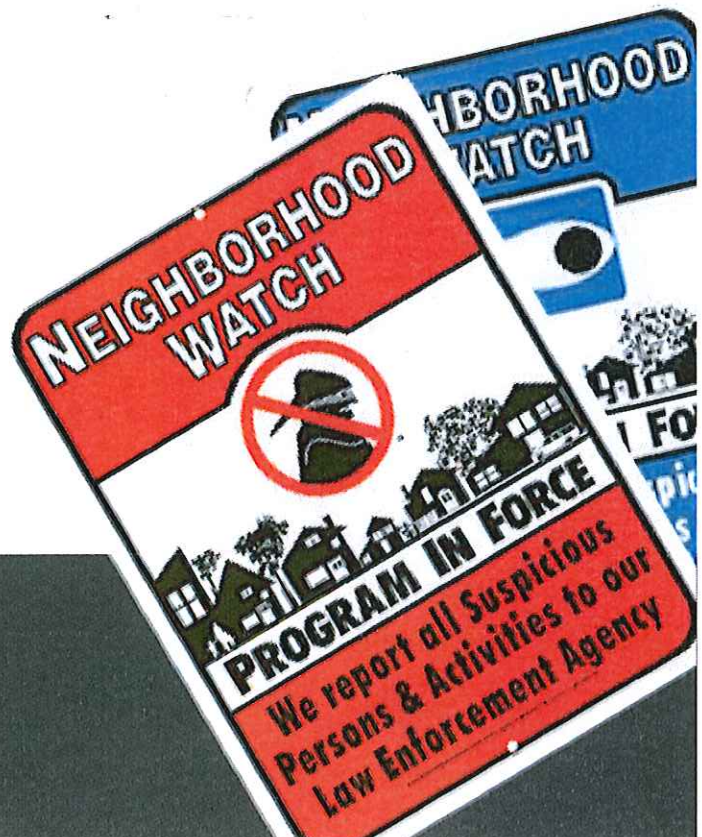
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This community based crime prevention program is a simple and direct approach toward protecting our community from criminal attacks.

Crime problems in our nation is both costly and demoralizing. Directly and Indirectly, we are all affected by crime that has caused injury and financial loss.

These type situations demonstrates a need for community involvement and assistance in crime prevention and reporting by participating in your NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office stands ready to assist and support your program.



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The National Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

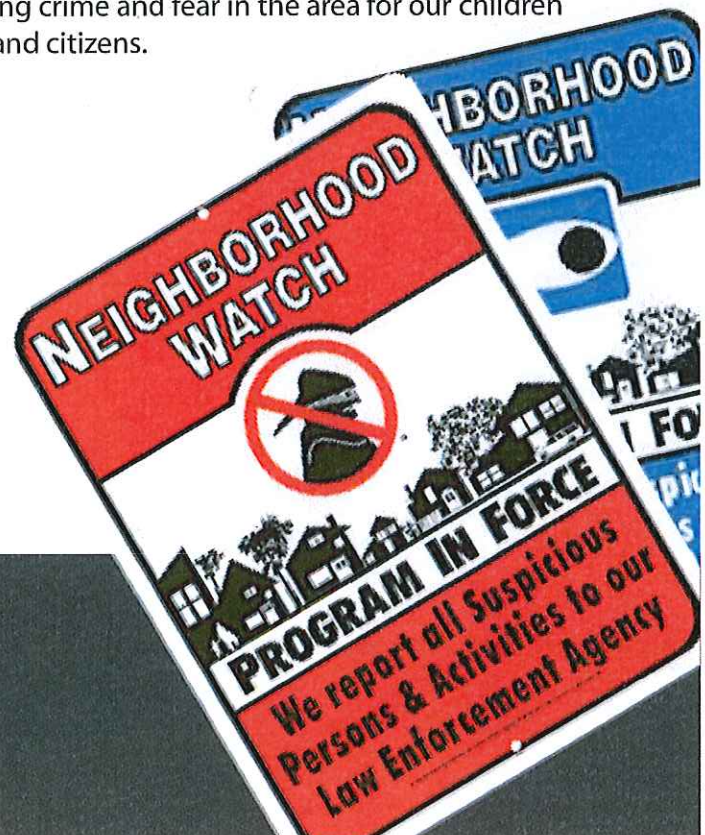
The National Sheriff's Association created the National NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Program in 1972 to unite law enforcement, the community and its' citizens in an effort to reduce crime.

What is Neighborhood Watch?

A Neighborhood Crime Watch program can go by several different names like:

- Community Crime Watch
- Crime Watch
- Neighborhood Crime Watch

Whatever the name, when neighbors organize to help local law enforcement with the community, it can make a significant impact on reducing crime and fear in the area for our children and citizens.



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How to Begin

First

Contact the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Community Liaison Office to advise them of your interest to organize a Crime Watch Program.

Contact:

Sgt. Harold Phillips

Email: hphillips@charlestoncounty.org

Ph 843-762-2007

Lt. Dan Isgett

Email: disgett@charlestoncounty.org

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Second

Determine if you have enough community interest to hold regular meetings;

Select a Crime Watch Coordinator and /or Block Captains;

(<http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org/cwp/BlockCaptainGuide.pdf>)

Find an effective way to communicate your meeting dates and community activities (fliers, newsletters, and / or electronic bulletin board message/internet;

www.nextdoor.com is a tool that can be used by neighborhoods and not endorsed by the agency. This website provides neighborhood leaders with the ability to create FREE, private, and secure websites for their communities based upon a defined neighborhood boundary and only verified and genuine neighborhood residence living within the boundary can join the website.

Organize your community volunteers who can be homeowners, renters, business owners, the elderly, and even the young people; and

Find ways to host community special events to keep members interested and active like block parties, neighborhood cleanup or special safety programs to help the community during emergencies (hurricanes or tornados, etc.);

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What a Neighborhood Watch Does

Have volunteers patrol the neighborhood and report any problems to local law enforcement like persons screaming, someone looking into cars or homes, a stranger stopping on the street talking to a child, vehicles driving slowly through the neighborhood, and / or unknown persons removing items from an unoccupied home or business.

Have special events like a "Neighborhood Cleanup Day" or a "Safety Day" to keep the homeowners interested in the program

Final Point

At the kick-off meeting, if your neighborhood wishes to purchase official Neighborhood Street Signs, think about having a neighborhood fundraiser to support your cause.

This agency does not finance the signs or neighborhood credentials.

Feel free to visit
<http://nnwi.org/index.asp>

NSA- Crime Prevention Sign Information
<http://www.sheriffs.org/programs/NeighborhoodWatchSigns.asp>



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Download and Customize

"Easy To Use Brochures / Flyers"

Use these Flyers or Brochures as an easy way to notify your neighbors of your new Neighborhood Watch Program

Please visit <http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org/index2.asp?p=/cwpbrochures.html> to view or print each Flyer or Brochure listed below.

English Brochures/Flyers

10 Tips for Securing Your Home
Auto Theft
Burglary
Cell Phone Safety
Charity Fraud
Checklist for Starting A Neighborhood Crime Watch
Crime Prevention for People with Disabilities
Cyber Crime
Disaster Preparedness
Fraud
Gang Violence
Gas Theft
Hate Crime
Home Invasion
Home Safety
Home Security Checklist
ID Theft

Internet Crimes
Keeping Computer Information Safe
Law Enforcement Volunteers
Making 9-1-1 Work For You
Making your Family/Community Safe
Preventing Charity Fraud
Reporting A Crime
Robbery –Protect Your Business
Robbery-Protect Your Delivery
Rural Living-Crime Prevention
Safe and Secure Electronic World
Safer Seniors
Senior Crimes
Seniors Against Crimes
Starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch
Theft -Adults
Vacant Property Crime

Spanish Brochures/Flyers

Auto Theft
Burglary
Cyber Crime
Fraud
Gang Violence
Hate Crime
Home Safety
Home Invasion
ID Theft
Internet Crimes
Reporting A Crime
Senior Crimes
Theft –Adults

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Have A Neighborhood Question About...

Traffic Violations

The Traffic Enforcement Unit receives hundreds of traffic complaints each year, and as a result of the high volume of complaints we receive from citizens regarding issues in their neighborhoods, we conduct focused enforcement in certain neighborhoods. We frequently rotate our enforcement to other areas.

We encourage you and your neighbors to submit your request for enforcement to your Community Liaison Representative for your area.

Have A Neighborhood Question About ...

Animal Control and Shelter Information

When the animal's owner cannot be located, the Animal Control deputies who are trained to handle these situations involving domestic animals will remove any stray domestic animals that are unleashed in or near roadways.

This unit will transport injured domestic animals to the emergency veterinarian for treatment and conduct the necessary investigations relating to neglected or abused animals.

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Have A Neighborhood Question About...

Animal Shelters

During Hurricane Season you can shelter your pet by clicking on any of the below links for additional information:

<http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org/index2.asp?p=/animal.html>

(Charleston County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Unit)

www.petswelcome.com

www.charlestonanimalsociety.org

www.asPCA.com

www.hsus.org

www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm

www.uan.org

www.ready.gov

Have A Neighborhood Question About...

Magistrate Court

Magistrate Courts handle a variety of issues, including restraining orders, traffic violations and criminal cases with punishments of a fine not exceeding \$500 plus assessments or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.

These courts also handle landlord-tenant problems as well as claim and delivery civil actions and issuance of arrest and search warrants.

The Summary Courts Administration provides administrative support to the Centralized Preliminary and Bond Hearing Courts as well as 10 area Magistrate Courts and two Small Claims Courts.

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Magistrate Court

This Department Does

Prepare documentation of criminal and traffic offenses for Magistrate Courts, process civil claims under \$7,500, inform tenants and landlords about landlord/tenant matters, process restraining orders for people being stalked or harassed, prepare arrest warrants, schedule mediation sessions for disputes between parties, provide information about how to proceed with civil or criminal matters.

This Department Does Not

Provide legal counseling (For attorney information, call the S.C. Lawyers Referral Service at (800) 868-2284 or the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program (843) 722-0107 or Process claims over \$7,500 (See Clerk of Court).

For More Information click the link below

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/Magistrates/index.htm>

Have a Neighborhood Question About...

Charleston County Ordinances

Noise Information

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19955&stateId=40&stateName=South Carolina>

Fireworks Violation

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19955&stateId=40&stateName=South Carolina>

Animal Violation

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19955&stateId=40&stateName=South Carolina>

Garbage, Trash, WasteWater

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=19955&stateId=40&stateName=South Carolina>

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Have A Question About...

Victim Assistance Resources

As a victim, you may feel.....

Isolated-as if nobody understands your feelings
Frustrated with the lack of information you receive
Angry with the "system"
A lack of control over your situation

Remember: YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

In an effort to assist victims of and witnesses to crime, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has established a Victim/Witness Assistance Program. For more information call 843-745-2250.

This program offers valuable information and assistance to victims/witnesses concerning their rights under South Carolina Law.

<http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org/index2.asp?p=/VicWit.html#Victim/Witness Program>

Have A Question About...

Senior / Elder Abuse

Most cases of elder abuse goes undetected. Elder abuse refers to intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or "trusted" individual that lead to, or may lead to, harm of a vulnerable person. **Physical Abuse; Neglect; Emotional or Psychological Abuse; Verbal Abuse and Threats; Financial Abuse and Exploitation; Sexual Abuse and Abandonment** are all considered forms of elder abuse.

If you suspect an elderly person being neglected or abused report it immediately to your local law enforcement agency.

Don't assume that someone has already reported the suspicious situation. You may also visit www.ncea.aoa.gov or call Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 for more information on elder abuse or neglect.

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Community Involvement Programs

Charleston County Citizen's Academy

The Charleston County Citizens' Academy provides an opportunity for area residents to learn about Charleston County Government. To learn more click the link below:

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/Administrator/Citizens%20Academy/index.htm>

Charleston County Ride -A- Long

Are you curious about the job of a Deputy Sheriff? Maybe you are interested in a law enforcement career? If so, then here is the opportunity you have been waiting for. To find out how you can ride with a deputy sheriff contact the Patrol Commander at 843-762-2007.

C.E.R.T.

(Community Emergency Response Team)

Volunteer Program

On a local level, the S.C. Emergency Management Division sponsors training for representatives from each county to become certified to train individual CERT teams within their community.

CERT teams can be comprised of neighbors, fellow employees within an industry, schools, church groups, civic organizations, etc. To qualify as a neighborhood team, at least three members from a designated area or organization need to participate in and complete the training program.

Read More about C.E.R.T.

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/EPD/CERT/index.htm>

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Community Liaison Office

The CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE is anxious to work with you to
"TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME"

***Thinking About Living In the Neighborhood?
Need Crime Stats?***

Call the Crime Analysis Unit 843-554-2486

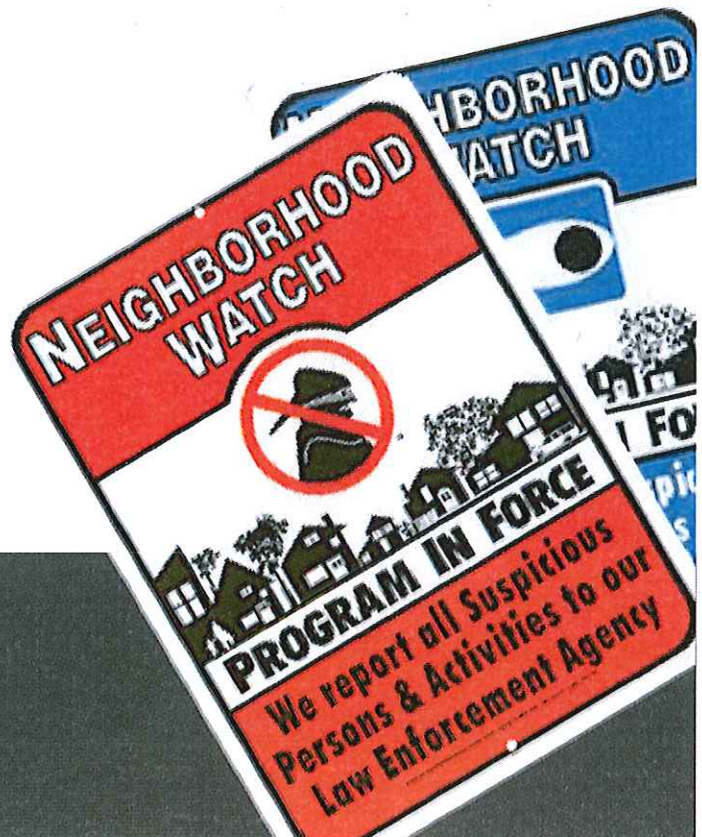
Agencies Phone Numbers

<http://www.ccsso.charlestoncounty.org/cwp/phonelist.pdf>

Contact Us

Charleston County Sheriff's Office
3505 Pinehaven Drive
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

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YOUR COMMUNITY MATTERS!
HELP US, HELP YOU!

GOT A TIP?

DO YOU KNOW WHO DID THE CRIME?
Call or Text CrimeStoppers

Phone: (843) 554-4111

Text: 274637

(Type - CSL then message)

Important Message: Remember the Code sent back to your phone to claim your Reward if authorized

www.5541111.com

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