



# COMMUNITY WATCH



## How Do I Start A Community Watch Group?

- First, talk with your neighbors about the need for such a group, based on personal knowledge of crime or suspicious activity in your area.
- Then, set a time and place for your neighbors to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest. (The meeting can be held somewhere outside of your neighborhood.)
- Submit an online application form (refer to the link below) detailing the information about your Community Watch Group and plans for your first meeting.
- Next, invite Police Department employees to present information on crime detection and prevention.
- Choose coordinators and block captains, who are responsible for organizing meetings and passing information on to members.
- Recruit others. Attendance is critical for the group's success. At least 50% attendance over a 1year period with a minimum of two meetings is needed to qualify for posting Community Watch Signs.

**Are you ready to schedule your first Community Watch Meeting?**

**[Click Here](#) to submit an application.**