

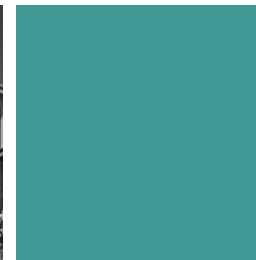
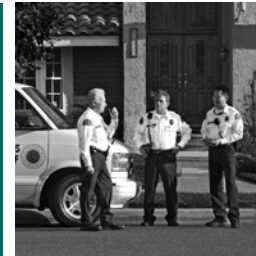
IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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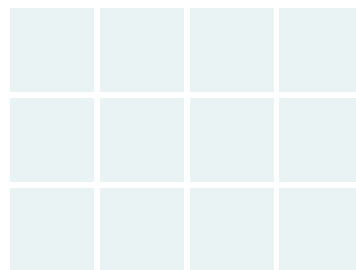
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JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN CERRITOS



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN CERRITOS is a joint effort by community members, the City's Community Safety Division and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to fight crime, protect property and ensure safe neighborhoods. Because of this cooperative effort, Neighborhood Watch has proven instrumental in the prevention and control of residential related crimes.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

First, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1258 to ask if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If so, your contact information will be provided to the Block Captain and you will be invited to the next meeting.

If there is not an active group in your neighborhood, the Community Safety Division staff will work with you and your neighbors to start one. Starting a group is simple. Pick a time and place for your neighbors to gather, say in the evening in your front yard, and a Sheriff's deputy or Community Safety Division crime prevention officer will come to you to talk about Neighborhood Watch, crime prevention tips and crime trends. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small, usually 15 to 20 households, to simplify communication and enforcement among participants.



IS PARTICIPATION TIME CONSUMING?

Once formed, you and your neighbors "watch" your neighborhood, communicate regularly with crime prevention staff, and hold meetings often enough to keep apprised of new information. In addition to participating in a Neighborhood Watch group, to facilitate the sharing of crime information, members are also encouraged to join the City's Virtual Block Club at www.safercerritos.com.

The success of Neighborhood Watch depends on citizen involvement. While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, it is the responsibility of the individual Neighborhood Watch groups to keep the program active in their neighborhoods.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF PARTICIPATING?

Neighborhood Watch has proven to be instrumental in the prevention and control of residential-related crimes within the community. As a member of Neighborhood Watch, you will join with others in protecting your neighborhood and developing an important crime-prevention partnership with the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post to let potential criminals know that others are watching out for your home. Also, each month the "Watch Report," a newsletter produced by the City that gives you crime prevention tips and specific information about criminal activities throughout the City, is made available to Neighborhood Watch members.

