

Important Phone Numbers (772)

Emergency	911
St. Lucie County	
Sheriff 's Office	462-7300
Crime Prevention	871-5303
Fort Pierce Police	461-3820
Port Saint Lucie Police	871-5000
Florida Hwy Patrol	468-3967
Animal Control	461-6177
Crime Stoppers	1-800-273-TIPS
Domestic Violence Hot Line	464-4555
Better Business Bureau	337-2083
Lawnwood Medical Center	461-4000
Port Saint Lucie Hospital	335-0400
Mosquito Control	462-1692



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Neighborhood Watch



Watch groups are a foundation of community crime prevention; they can be a stepping stone to community revitalization.



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Phase one: Getting Started

- ◇ Form a small planning committee of neighbors to:
 1. Discuss Needs
 2. The level of interest
 3. Possible challenges
 4. The watch concept
- ◇ Contact the St. Lucie County Sheriff 's Office at 772-871-5303 to discuss Neighborhood Watch and local crime problems.
- ◇ Invite a Sheriff's Deputy to attend your meeting.
- ◇ Publicize your meeting at least one week in advance.
 1. Advertising with door-to-door flyers
 2. Choosing a meeting place that guarantees easy access for people with disabilities
- ◇ Hold an initial meeting to evaluate neighbors interest.
- ◇ Establish purpose of program.
- ◇ Identify issues that need to be addressed.
- ◇ Emphasize the fact that a watch group is:
 - * An association of neighbors who are devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within their neighborhood.

Phase Two: After initiating Neighborhood Watch, Elect a chairperson

- ◇ Ask for block captain volunteers who are Responsible for:
 1. Relaying info to members on their block
 2. Keeping up-to-date information residents
 3. Proposing specific efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and youth
- ◇ Block captains serve as: liaisons between the neighborhood and correspond information about meetings and crime incidents to all residents.
- ◇ Prepare a neighborhood map containing names, addresses, and phone numbers of participating households and distribute to members.
- ◇ With guidance from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Deputy, the watch trains its members in: home security techniques, observation skills, and crime reporting.
- ◇ Once your group becomes established and goes through the three required meetings it will be given a Neighborhood Watch sign to be posted in a designated area.
- ◇ Organizers and block captains must emphasize that watch groups are **NOT** vigilantes and **DO NOT** obtain the role of the police.

How to Become Certified

Your group must participate in three meetings.

- i. Target Hardening/ Home Security
- ii. Report Suspicious Activity
- iii. Operation Identification

Helpful tips for Success

- ◇ Hold regular meetings to help residents get to know one another and decide upon program strategies/activities.
- ◇ Consider getting involved with an existing organization such as a citizens association, community, development office, etc.
- ◇ Canvas door-to-door to recruit .

