

# West Precinct Community Watch

**Community Watch** is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense. It teaches us how to help ourselves by joining together to identify and report suspicious activity in our neighborhood. In addition, it provides us with the opportunity to make our neighborhood safer and improve the quality of life. Community Watch focuses on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime. An important strategy that we employ is promoting social interaction and "watching out for each other."

## Ways to Watch:

- Passive Observation-being on the lookout and paying attention to details as you are going about your daily routine. (taking out the trash, dog-walking, driving to and from work , etc.)
- Window Watching, porch sitting
- Walking patrols
- Mobile patrols



## A few things to keep in mind:

### Please...

- Do not be confrontational.
- Do not attempt to apprehend anyone.
- If you are patrolling by car, remain in your vehicle.
- Do not perform any investigative functions such as checking doors or searching areas on foot.
- Do not shine a light at anyone, into the windows of any vehicle, or into an occupied dwelling.
- Do not become involved in the high-speed pursuit of vehicles.
- Do not carry any weapon while representing yourself as community watch.
- Do not violate traffic regulations.
- Do not patrol while under the influence of alcohol, prescription medication or drugs that may cause you to become impaired.
- Community Watch is an extra set of eyes and ears for the police department. We are not vigilantes.

## Ways to connect to your neighbors:

<https://nextdoor.com/>

<https://www.i-neighbors.org/>



**Dates to Remember:**

**National Night Out / Safety Expo....** First Tuesday in August Jaycee’s Building 5-7p.m.

**Award’s Meeting.....** First Tuesday in October

**General Meeting .....**First Tuesday in April

**Halloween at the West Precinct....**October 31

**Monthly meetings at the West Precinct..** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. ( Different safety related topics are presented and discussed. )

**Other:**

**Operation Identification**

**No Soliciting Signs**

**Ride-a-Long**

**Citizen’s Police Academy** (watch for the announcement)



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**Web Pages:**

<http://www.hsvcommunitywatch.com/>

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