

RESIDENTS

- Attend meetings and read the newsletter.
- Secure your home and property.
- Participate in H.E.A.T. & Operation I.D.
- Participate in vacation watches.
- Become familiar with your neighbors.
- Report all suspicious activity to the Longview Police Department.

POLICE AREA REPRESENTATIVE OFFICERS

- Communicate crime patterns to active NCW's.
- Provide security presentations and surveys.
- Facilitate creation and expansion of NCW programs.

To contact your
Police Area Representative
call 903-237-1111.

**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME**



HOME SECURITY TIPS

More than 6.8 million residential burglaries are committed annually; one every five seconds. Don't become a victim.

Secure all swinging doors with dead-bolt locks. Use an auxiliary locking bar to secure sliding doors.

Keep doors locked whether you are at home or away.

Close and lock windows when you leave your home.

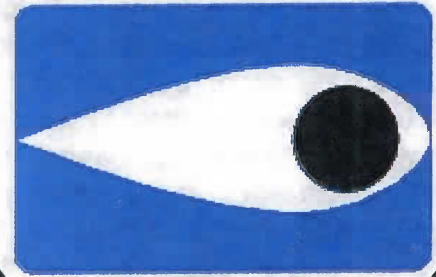
Don't hide spare keys. Burglars always seem to find them. Instead, give your key to a trusted neighbor.

When going on vacation, ask a relative or trusted neighbor to stop by your house once a day to pick up advertising circulars or anything else that may pile up at your front step.

Use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are at home.

Participate in Operation ID by engraving your TX drivers license or ID number on your possessions and recording serial numbers, you can reduce the chances that they will be stolen. If they are stolen, these numbers will make it easier for the item to be returned to you if it is recovered by the police.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



"YOUR COMMUNITY"
In cooperation with the
Longview Police
Department
*A Texas Police Chief's
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**A Community
Approach to
Crime Prevention**





A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

The purpose of this brochure is to tell you how the Neighborhood Crime Watch program works. It includes recommendations on the creation and maintenance of a successful watch. Neighborhood Crime Watch (NCW) was created to gain citizen involvement in deterring and preventing residential crime. Citizen involvement includes, but is not limited to: securing one's own home and property, being familiar with neighbors, and reporting suspicious activity to Longview police. Since its inception in 1972, NCW continues to be a leading factor in the reduction of residential crime.

HOW NCW WORKS

The intent of NCW is to educate participants in the crime prevention principles (deter-delay-detect), familiarize residents with their neighbors, and to build a stronger relationship between the community and the Longview Police Dept. An effective program depends on active communication between residents, the NCW Coordinator, and the police officers in your beat.

ORGANIZE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

- Visit your neighbors and ask for their help in discouraging crime in your neighborhood.
- Contact your Police Area Representative (PAR) Officer and arrange an organizational meeting.
- If the group decides to organize a new NCW, an NCW coordinator (and block leaders, if necessary) should be chosen.
- NCW leaders should prepare a "watch map" or telephone tree. Information may be gathered on an NCW information sheet provided by your PAR Officer. Copies of watch maps or telephone trees should be given to participating households.
- Participants are encouraged to have security surveys. Participation in H.E.A.T. and Operation I.D. are also recommended.
- Neighborhoods that select an NCW coordinator and agree to meet with a Longview Police Department representative at least twice a year may qualify to have NCW signs placed at entrances to the community. This service is provided by the City of Longview Traffic Engineering Dept and is coordinated through your PAR Officer.

PROGRAM DUTIES

NCW Coordinator

- Schedule periodic group meetings and encourage each resident to attend.
- Act as liaison between residents and police.
- Invite PAR Officers to make or arrange presentations to the group.
- Contact new neighbors and solicit their participation in NCW.
- Update watch map or telephone tree data.
- Make and distribute Newsletters.
- Disseminate crime pattern information provided by PAR Officer.
- Coordinate vacation watches.

In larger neighborhoods, block leaders should assist in these duties on their respective blocks.

NCW is a proven crime reduction program. However, like any other self help activity, its success depends on your involvement. The Longview Police department will assist your efforts in any way possible.