



Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse

“New Group Program Information Part 1”

Background Information

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse, Inc. is a Not for Profit citywide crime prevention program promoting a “Crime Prevention through Education” philosophy. Formed in 1988, it is the oldest organization in Syracuse. Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse works to unite neighbors so they can work together to build strong community bonds while addressing crime and quality of life concerns within their “Target Area”. Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse is a network of active watch groups throughout Syracuse enlisting the ongoing participation of citizens. Through their efforts, while working in cooperation with the Syracuse Police Department and various other city departments, residents are taught how to be the “Eyes and Ears” for their community. Information shared and obtained at Neighborhood Watch meetings is vital to the Syracuse Police Department’s crime reduction efforts.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact our office by email, nwgs@syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org or phone, (315) 448-8762

What Is Needed

- A Director and/or Co-Director who lives in the area they represent.
- A list of streets or boundaries for your group known as the group’s “Target Area”.
- A dedicated group of residents committed to improving their community.
- A list of community issues to be discussed.
- A means of communicating with the residents (ex. email, fliers, text messaging, telephone tree, etc.).
- A place to meet such as a community center, school, library, or someone’s home.
- An agenda to keep the meeting focused.
- When your group is ready to meet contact the Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator to get your meeting added to the citywide Neighborhood Watch meeting schedule.

Starting a Neighborhood Watch

Starting a Neighborhood Watch Group is easy and can be tailored to fit your community’s individual needs. Simply complete the “New Watch Group Application” and return it using one of the options listed below:

Option #1: US Mail:

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse
P.O. Box 3852
Syracuse, New York 13220

Attn: Tony Borelli

Option #2: Scan and Email:

nwgs@syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org
Subject Line: New Group Application

Required Meetings

In order for a group to maintain an “Active” status they must meet at least twice a year and communicate regularly with the Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator. Meeting options include:

- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Twice a year
- As needed
- Attend Spring and/or Fall Crime Prevention and Education Presentations
- Virtual meetings

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch

Starting a Neighborhood Watch Group helps build a sense of pride and ownership in a community. Neighborhood Watch meetings bring neighbors, law enforcement, and various other city departments together so they can work to reduce crime and quality of life concerns in your community.

Neighborhood Watch Promotes:

- **Education for Residents:**

Residents are taught how to implement crime prevention techniques which helps reduce the chances they will become a victim of a crime.

- **How to Identify Suspicious Activity:**

Residents are taught what suspicious activity is, how to report it, and what information is helpful to the Syracuse Police Department.

- **Sharing Crime Related Information:**

Residents are informed of crime trends and other relevant information so they know what is occurring in their community.

- **Knowing Your Neighbors:**

“Knowing Your Neighbors” and keeping a “Watchful Eye” on each other and their property helps reduce crime.

- **Building Livable Neighborhoods:**

Neighborhood Watch works with the Syracuse Police Department and various city departments to identify and reduce crime and quality of life concerns.

