



Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse

“New Group Information”

Background Information

Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse (NWGS) is a not-for-profit citywide “Crime Prevention through Education” program. Founded in 1988, it is the oldest organization in Syracuse. Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse is a network of active groups throughout Syracuse encouraging the ongoing participation from residents. The program embraces a “Small Group Meeting Concept” which unites neighbors so they can work together to address crime and the negative impacts it has on their quality of life. 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 ongoing crime prevention efforts.

What’s Needed

- A director / co-director who lives in the area they represent.
- A list of streets (Boundaries) known as your “Target Area”.
- A list of crime related concerns to be discussed.
- A means of communicating with the residents (ex. email, text messaging, phone tree, etc.).
- A meeting location such as a community center, school, library, etc.
- An agenda to keep the meeting focused.
- When your group is ready to meet contact the NWGS office for scheduling options.

Required Meetings

For a group to maintain an “Active” status they must meet at least twice a year. Options include:

- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Twice a year
- As needed
- Virtual meetings (Contact our office for additional information)
- Attend a NWGS Watch District Crime Prevention Presentation and Education Presentation in addition to one of the above.

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.

- **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 of 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 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.

Neighborhood Watch District “Crime Prevention and Education Presentations”

- To enhance communication, Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse implemented “Watch District Crime Prevention and Education Presentations”. These presentations offer Neighborhood Watch members and the community an opportunity to come together so they can learn about crime related information, programs, initiatives, etc. currently being offered.
- Presentations are aligned with the Syracuse Police Department and have been established in the North, Southwest, and Southeast Districts.
- Presentations focus on information and services directly related to our objective of educating members on what they can do to work with the Syracuse Police Department to reduce crime and quality of life concerns in their community.
- Presentations are a valuable resource as we continue to increase the number of active groups operating within the City of Syracuse.
- Presentations are open to all NW members, their families, and anyone interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Watch program and concerns impacting their community.
- If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact our office.

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

