

Helpful Phone Numbers

*El Paso County Sheriff's Office
(non-emergency Dispatch number)
(719) 390-5555
shr.elpasoco.com*

*EPSO Traffic Hotline
(719) 520-7192*

*Colorado Springs Police Department
(non-emergency Dispatch number)
(719) 444-7000*

*Colorado State Patrol
(non-emergency Dispatch number)
(719) 544-2424
csp.state.co.us*

*Road Conditions
Colorado Department of Transportation
(877) 315-7623
www.cotrip.org*

*El Paso County Department of
Transportation
(719) 520-6460*



**El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Crime Prevention and
Neighborhood Watch Program**

**101 West Costilla Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
(719) 520-7151
Fax: (719) 520-6945
NeighborhoodWatch@elpasoco.com**

***For Emergencies
Dial 911***



El Paso County Sheriff's Office

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM: THE BASICS



Together we can make a difference!

**Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
(719) 520-7151 or (719) 520-7347**



El Paso County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Program

What is Neighborhood Watch?

It's a voluntary program whose goals are for citizens to make themselves, their families and their homes less vulnerable to crime and to increase cooperation between citizens and law enforcement to make their community safer.

A LITTLE HISTORY...

The Neighborhood Watch Program was created in 1972 by the National Sheriffs' Association as a way to bring together law enforcement agencies, citizens' organizations and individual residents in an effort to reduce crime in neighborhoods.

Since then, communities across the United States have formed Neighborhood Watch groups and have committed themselves to making their neighborhoods safer. This program is simple and inexpensive, yet highly effective in the fight against crime. The NSA reports that communities with active Neighborhood Watch programs show decreased occurrences of burglaries and related crimes.



Why Start a Neighborhood Watch?

There are a limited number of deputies patrolling the entire county at any given time. Citizens can become extra eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Communication between you and the Sheriff's Office will enhance the safety of your neighborhood.

There are many benefits to forming a watch group:

- Get to know the people in your neighborhood better
- Learn ways to make your family and your home safer
- Be better prepared to respond to suspicious or criminal activity
- Help make your community a better place to live by using a proactive approach to fighting crime

By forming a watch group, you make it known that you won't tolerate criminal activity in your community and you make your community less attractive for potential criminals.

What Does It Involve?

It's actually very simple. There are three main responsibilities of Neighborhood Watch members: **observation, communication and security.**

1. Observation is paying attention to what is happening around you. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and their property as well as your own. Residents are the best experts on what is normal and acceptable for their neighborhood.
2. Communication is simply passing on your observations or information you receive. If you witness suspicious behavior or discover a crime, report it to the Sheriff's Office immediately.
For emergencies, dial 911. Otherwise call the non-emergency Dispatch line at 390-5555.
3. Security involves each person taking a critical look at their home, their habits and the entire neighborhood to ensure that the area is not inviting to potential criminals. This includes assessing and possibly upgrading physical security measures, lighting, and other features to create the safest environment possible.



Questions? Call the Crime Prevention / Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (719) 520-7151