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Lake Doe Cove  
Neighborhood Watch  
Program

Why Neighborhood Watch?

There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community. By cooperating with each other and the police, people can help fight crime in their community in the most effective way – before it begins!

What is Neighborhood Watch?

In essence, Neighborhood Watch is a *crime prevention program* that stresses education and common sense. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life. Neighborhood Watch groups typically focus on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime and employ strategies that range from simply promoting social interaction and "watching out for each other".

Most neighborhood watch programs are organized around a block or a neighborhood and are started with assistance from a law enforcement agency.

Our Law Enforcement Crime Prevention Officer Is **Officer Steve Popp**,  
Apopka Police Department

Our Neighborhood Coordinator is **Mr. Joseph Washington**.

Mr. Washington will coordinate our meetings.

Serve as a liaison between Law Enforcement and our Neighborhood.

Keep a master list of participants.

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Block Captains;

We will need volunteers to be Block Captains; one for each street.

*You do not have to live on the street you serve as a Block Captain.*

We will need a total of seven Block Captains.

A Block Captain will collect and update information on participants for their street.

They will also make sure participants receive or review information as needed.

In the unfortunate event of a burglary or any property type crime, the homeowner will first call police to report the incident. Afterwards the homeowner should contact their Block Captain and advise him or her of the incident.

A Block Captain will need to know the basics:

### **Who, What, Where, When, and How.**

If you are not totally comfortable giving out specifics of what was taken from your home, car, etc. just advise by category, (ie... electronics, appliances, etc.)

The Block Captain will relay that information to the Neighborhood Coordinator and other Block Captains.

Sharing information allows everyone in the neighborhood to be aware of incidents that may be occurring near their home. It also may allow someone to realize they witnessed *someone or something involved* in a criminal incident.

Let's start with the Basics of Crime Prevention

## “3- L’s”

Lights- Locks- Landscaping

### Lights-

Make sure you have adequate lighting outdoors especially near windows, any entrances, or exits. Check outdoor lighting quarterly to ensure it is working. *Do not leave outdoor lighting on during the daytime.*

### Locks-

Remember to use deadbolt locks.

Place a singular deadbolt lock on inside door leading to garage area.

Use thumb screw window locks to add security to windows.

Use a Charley Bar/ Sliding Glass Door Bar on glass doors.

### Landscaping-

Keep shrubbery away from walkways, doors, and windows.

Trees should not hang lower than 6ft, and shrubbery should not be higher than 2ft.; always allow room for natural surveillance.

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### Operation I.D.

Operation I.D. is a component of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Participants will etch their Driver's License number onto valuables in a non-conspicuous area and document it. Participants will also take photos of jewelry or other valuables that can be pawned or quickly sold.