

Crosswoods Neighborhood Watch Roles and Responsibilities

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. The Crosswoods HOA and its residents have agreed to partner with the Citrus Heights Police Department for the purpose of keeping our community safe and free of crime. Ensuring compliance with the police department's Neighborhood Watch guidelines is the responsibility of the Neighborhood Watch Committee and chairperson. All residents (homeowners and lessees) are encouraged to participate in all aspects of neighborhood watch.

Resident Responsibilities:

- Be alert to criminal and suspicious activity and report it immediately by dialing 911. Inform the watch captain and neighbors of the occurrence.
- Attend neighborhood meetings and become informed.
- Talk to your children or grandchildren about Neighborhood Watch.
- Secure your home and personal property.
- Make your home look occupied.
- Use exterior lighting during the evening and lights on timers throughout the day and evening.
- Participate in Operation Identification (a property inventory with serial numbers, etc.).
- Keep garage doors closed and remove items of value from your vehicle.
- Keep vehicles locked.
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up your newspaper and hand-delivered flyers when you are away.
- Tell a neighbor and the watch captain if you plan to be away for an extended period of time so that special attention can be given to your home.

Watch Captain Responsibilities:

- Compile and maintain a neighborhood map, with resident names and phone numbers, and distribute the map to participating residents.
- Greet and welcome new neighbors. Invite them to be part of your watch.
- Schedule a neighborhood get-together once a year to discuss neighborhood watch.
- Act as liaison between residents and the Neighborhood Watch Committee chairperson.
- Disseminate information to neighbors such as alerts, crimes, crime patterns and suspicious activity within the community.
- Let others know about neighbors who are on vacation or away for an extended period of time.
- Deliver the Crosswoods Reporter to residents and HOA documents to homeowners (optional).

Neighborhood Watch Committee Chairperson's Responsibilities:

- Act as a liaison between watch captains and the police department.
- Recruit and recommend residents to the HOA board for committee membership.
- Hold committee meetings.
- Recruit volunteer watch captains and provide training/support to all watch captains.
- Maintain open lines of communication with the HOA board, management, and watch captains, and disseminate information on issues affecting the Crosswoods community.
- Promote resident participation in National Night Out. Invite police officers to participate and discuss such things as personal safety, child safety, G.R.E.A.T. (gang resistance education & training), etc.
- Prepare informative Neighborhood Watch news articles for the Crosswoods Reporter.