

# HAMPTON POLICE DIVISION

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## Working Together To Keep Safe

Working together through *Neighborhood Watch* builds a partnership between your neighborhood and law enforcement. This special bond helps to enhance community safety and security by identifying and addressing concerns as a team. By starting a *Neighborhood Watch* on your block, learning how to make your home more secure and developing a crime prevention mindset, you'll be able to make a difference in keeping our community a great place to live.



### Getting Together Regularly

Neighborhood Watch puts the power of safety directly into your hands. The first step is organizing your watch by contacting your neighbors and developing interest in the program. Set a date for your initial meeting where you can meet with neighbors, discuss concerns and receive input from us. Your Watch can meet in a home, local school, civic office or business.

### Block Captains

The Block Captain is selected by the neighborhood and serves as the liaison with law enforcement. They serve as a two-way source of communication passing information to us while relaying information back to the neighborhood. They are also responsible for welcoming new residents, maintaining a contact list and scheduling Watch meetings.



### Going on Vacation

- ✓ Provide your neighbors with your emergency contact information and ask them to keep an eye on your home
- ✓ Place lights, radios and televisions on timers to simulate your normal evening schedule
- ✓ Have your neighbor pickup your mail and papers
- ✓ Ask your neighbors to park in your driveway



### What's Suspicious?

- Unusual foot traffic at a residence
- People you don't recognize walking your block with no seemingly specific direction or purpose
- Parked, occupied vehicles at unusual hours
- Slow moving vehicles 'creeping' on street with lights turned off/blacked out
- Abandoned vehicles
- Someone screaming for help
- Business transactions conducted from vehicles
- Unfamiliar people peering into parked vehicles
- People going door to door with no apparent reason
- Persons selling unusual items door to door or from their vehicles
- Person removing vehicle accessories (i.e. license plates)
- Anyone forcing entrance into a residence, business or vehicle



### Know Your Neighbors

One of the most important things you can do is to learn who your neighbors are. By getting to know your neighbors you can learn their routines; who is home and away, the types of vehicles they drive and who belongs in the neighborhood.

### Be a Block Watcher!

We're all part of the Neighborhood Watch team when we agree to be a Block Watcher. We are all responsible for observing and reporting suspicious activity and being the eyes and ears for our neighbors when they are not home.



### What Is A Neighborhood Watch?

- ✓ Neighbors looking out for neighbors
- ✓ Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity
- ✓ Neighbors working in partnership with the law enforcement
- ✓ Using common sense and crime preventive techniques to protect your family and property
- ✓ Developing a united front against crime in your neighborhood

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH