

Hanover County Sheriff's Office Neighborhood Watch Form

Dear Neighbor:

The families of _____ are organizing a "Neighborhood Watch Program". This letter will serve to explain just what "Neighborhood Watch" is and is not, why it is worthwhile, and what we will need to do to get it implemented. The objective of this program is simple---it is a no-cost way to reduce crime.

What is a Neighborhood Watch? It is first a willingness to keep one's eyes open and report any suspicious activities (a person loitering , a strange car backed up to your neighbor's garage, etc.) Second, it is marking your valuables i.e. televisions, stereos, etc. with an engraver provided to you. Third, it is suggested that you add to your security of your home deadbolt locks or a security alarm system if appropriate.

What Neighborhood Watch is not! It is not a group of vigilantes-no citizen arrests.

How do I profit from a Neighborhood Watch? It is a no-cost way to simply add to your personal safety and the security of your valuables. Neighborhood Watch signs at the entrance of your subdivision tell criminals that your neighborhood is more concerned about crime and safety than the subdivision up the road. Stickers available for your doors tell thieves your valuables have been marked for identification and persecution.

How is Neighborhood Watch implemented? You will be hearing from one of your neighbors. He or she will ask you two questions:

- Are you willing to report suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Office?
- Would you be willing to take 20-30 minutes to mark your valuables with an engraver we provide?

If you and 60 percent of your neighbors say, "I am!", you are on the way to implementing a "Neighborhood Watch Program" for your subdivision.

What is next? You will be notified of a date, time and location for a training session conducted by the Hanover County Sheriff's Office-Crime Prevention Specialist. I would like to participate in the "Neighborhood Watch Program."

Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____