

# Neighborhood Crime Watch

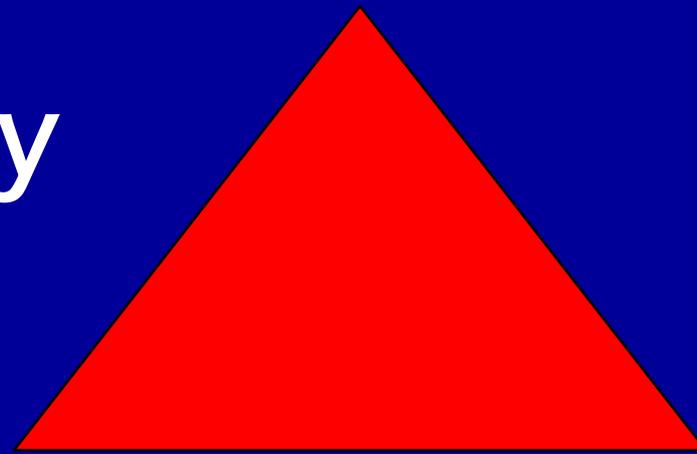


Sherburne County  
Sheriff's Office

# HOW CRIME HAPPENS...

Ability

Desire



Opportunity

# What is Neighborhood Watch?

- You and your neighbors working together with the Sheriff's Office to reduce criminal opportunity on your street.



# **“One of the best ways to reduce crime...”**

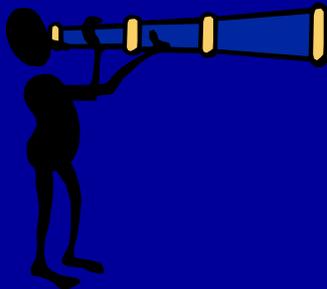
The Sheriff’s Office needs your help, they cannot do it alone.

- Sheriff Deputies that patrol your neighborhood might not be able to recognize a stranger in your yard.
- Neighbors are more aware of the day to day activities in your area and can notify the Sheriff if anything seems suspicious.

# What are the benefits of Neighborhood Watch?

- Develop a sense of Community
- Increase Awareness
- Reduce Fear
- Increase standard of living through collaborative problem solving

**DETER CRIME!**



# How do you start a Neighborhood Watch?

- Set up initial meeting with Neighbors and the Sheriff's Office
- Make a commitment to your neighborhood by becoming active in your Neighborhood Watch Program
- Develop a list of participating Neighbors and a "Block Map"
- Elect a "Block Captain" and/or "Co-Captains"

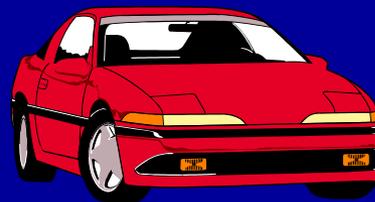
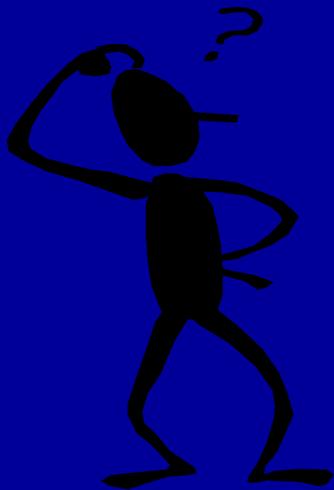
# **Why is it important to have a “Block Captain”?**

## **To Keep the Group Organized and Active!!!**

- **Distribute Information and Provide the Sheriff’s Office a Contact Person**
- **Develop, Distribute and Update Block Map**
- **Keep Track of Participants**
- **Coordinate Activities and Meetings**
- **Facilitate a Block Newsletter**
- **Welcome New Neighbors to Watch Group**

# What makes Neighborhood Watch work?

- Observation Techniques!
  - WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?
  - WHAT IS NOT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?
  - HOW DO I REPORT IT?



# **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY...**

- Persons running through yards or walking close to houses they don't belong at.
- Vehicles driving through area continually or parking on street watching area with no apparent reason.
- Door to door sales people?
- ... JUVENILES OUT PAST CURFEW!

# **USE OF *911* SYSTEM**

THE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO GET A DEPUTY INTO YOUR AREA FOR ASSISTANCE FOR ANY TYPE OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS EMERGENCY SITUATIONS!

# Stay on the line with the dispatcher until they tell you it is alright to hang up...

- VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBERS, COLOR, MAKE OF VEHICLE, DISTINGUISHING MARKS
- SUSPECT DESCRIPTION (NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS, SEX, AGE, CLOTHING, RACE & WEAPONS)
- DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
- *AS MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE!!!*



# ***911 Can be dialed from any phone!***

- Residential Phone Line



- Cell Phone



- Pay Phones  
(it's free!)



# OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

*...Is an Excellent Deterrent!*

- Easily identified (marked) property is hard for a burglar/thief to dispose of because it can be tracked back to the rightful owner.
- Part One: Mark all your easily stolen valuables so they can be identified. Also, record all serial numbers of property on separate sheet of paper. Keep in a safe place!
- Part Two: Display stickers in windows, on property and all entrances to residence.

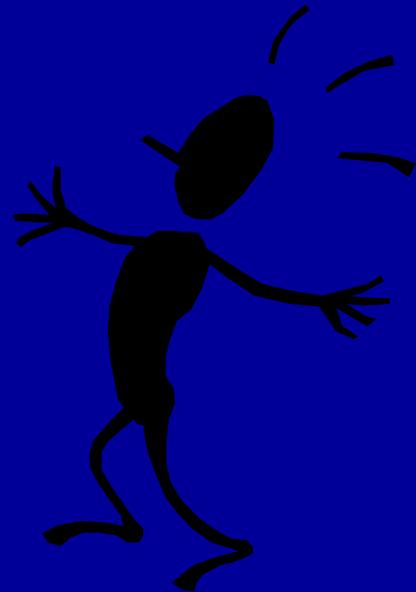


# What are the Sheriff's going to do ?

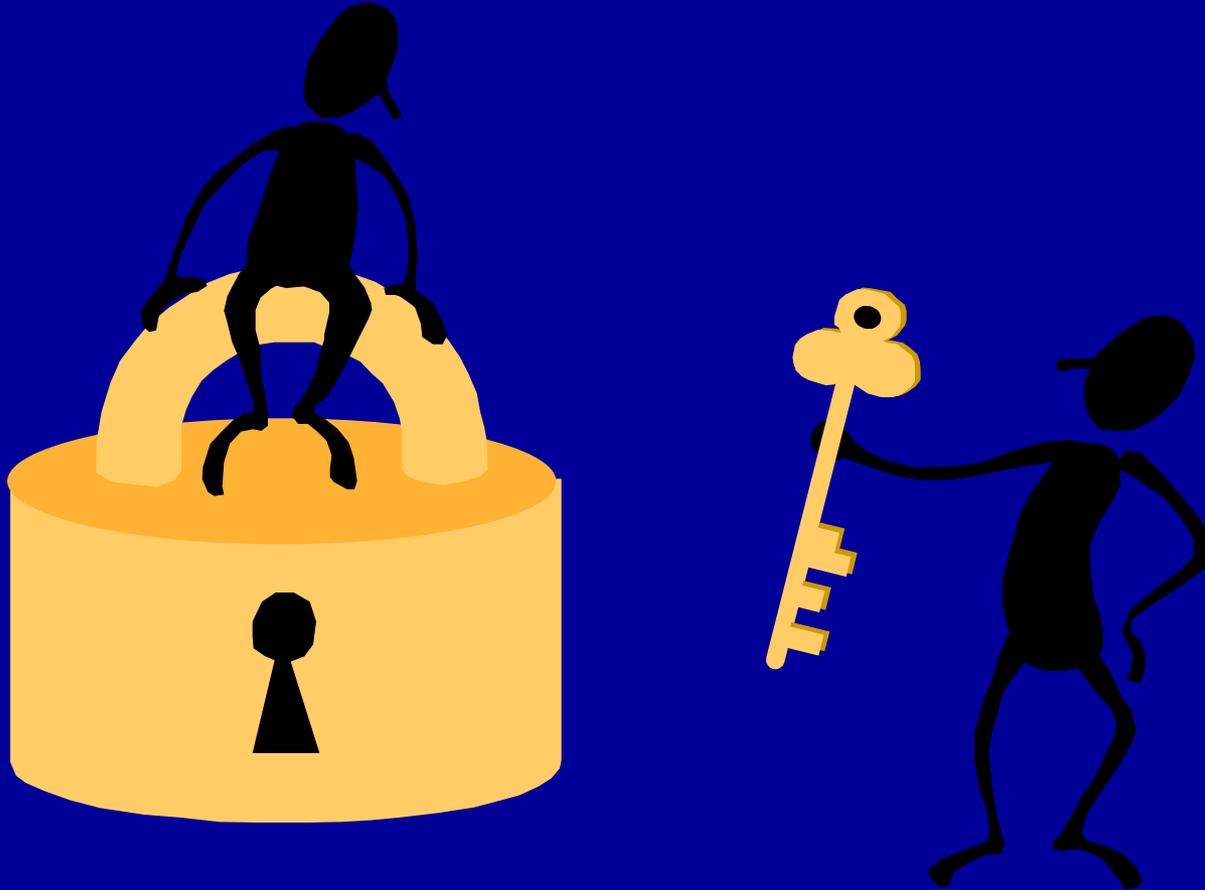
- We are limited without your help...  
“Reasonable Suspicion/Probable Cause”!
- We can not do it alone, we need you to call 911 immediately.
- Extra Patrol-Special Details, Issue Citations, Initiate Arrests for Criminal Activity that we witness.
- Assist you by helping to facilitate your Neighborhood Watch, answer questions, disseminate information.

# What can we as citizens do to prevent crime?

- Reduce the Opportunity!
  - Lock vehicles & remove all valuables.
  - Keep garage doors closed and valuables secured.
  - Follow the principles of CPTED: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.



# SINGLE CYLINDER DEADBOLT LOCKS

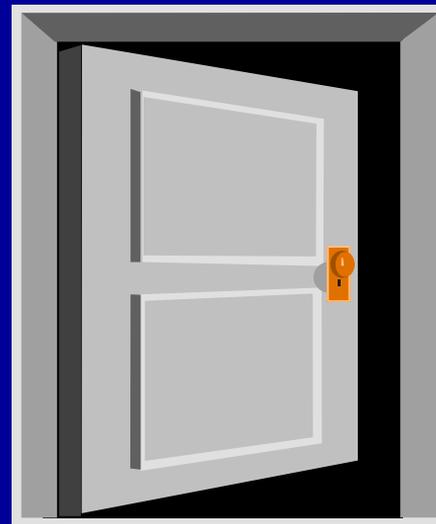
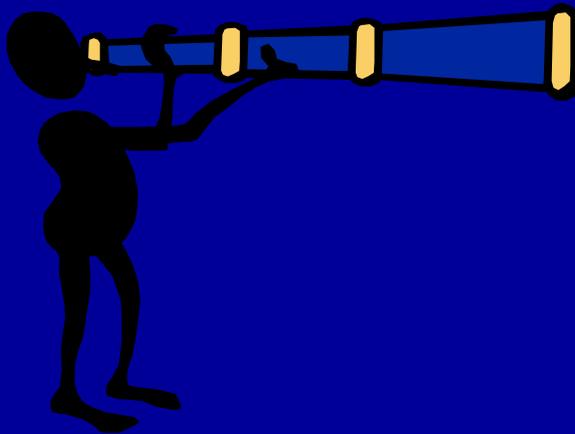


**HIGH  
SECURITY  
STRIKEPLATE  
WITH 3"  
SCREWS**



# 180 DEGREE EYEVIEWS ON FRONT DOORS

**back doors too!**



# Adequate Security Lighting on Property!

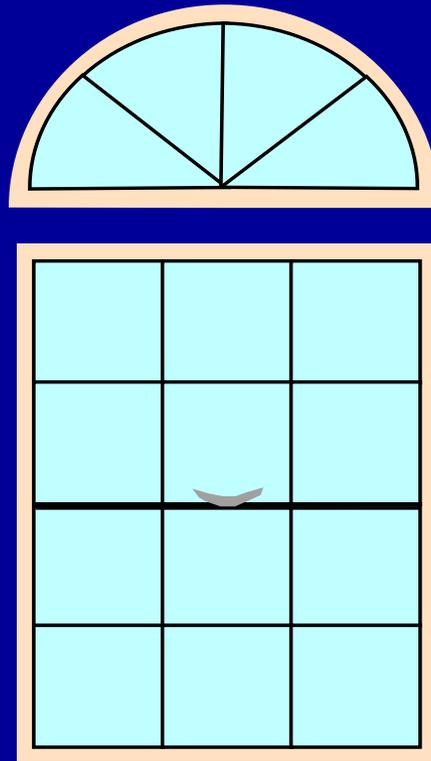
- “Accent Lighting” is just for accent!
- Light up the Perimeter of your Home
- Concentrate on Doors and Windows
- Garage Areas
- *Leave them on & Check them often!*



# **PROPER TRIMMING OF LANDSCAPE**



# **ANTI LIFT/SLIDE DEVICES ON WINDOWS AND SLIDING GLASS DOORS**





**RESIDENTIAL  
ADDRESSES  
PROMINENTLY  
DISPLAYED!**

**NEIGHBOR GETTING TO  
KNOW...**

**NEIGHBOR!**



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**THANK YOU!!!**