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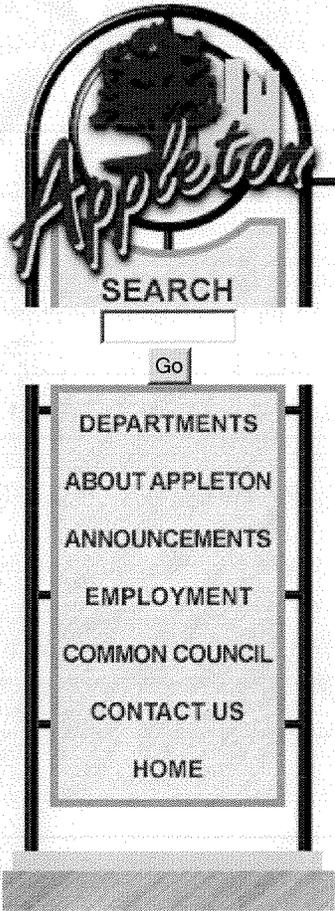
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## Programs - Neighborhood Watch

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### Neighborhood Watch Start Up

#### *Starting a Neighborhood Watch group is easy*

- Contact **ANNE STRAUCH** at the Appleton Police Department-**832-5865**. If not included in this packet, a petition will be forwarded to you.
- Decide how large of an area your group will cover-generally a one to two block area. Receive a minimum of 75% of the neighbor's signatures from this area on the petition. When going around the neighborhood and getting signatures, it is suggested that you already have a time and place for a startup meeting in mind. Monday-Thursday evenings work best for our officers to attend a startup meeting. The meeting lasts approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.
- When the petition is signed, forward it to **ANNE STRAUCH** at the APD, 222 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI 54911.
- Call **ANNE STRAUCH** at **832-5865** to schedule an officer to attend your meeting. The officer will explain the NWH concept, talk about effective crime prevention techniques, and explain what it takes to make a Watch group really effective. The officer will supply safety informational brochures.

#### *What's expected of a NHW member?*

- Develop a watchful, concerned attitude. Be aware of what's going on in your area of the neighborhood.
- Report suspicious persons, vehicles and activities to the police immediately.
- Let someone in the group know when your home will be unoccupied, and watch your neighbors home when they are away.
- Participate in at least one NHW meeting per year. Many NHW groups have a block party during National Night Out in August. The APD makes every effort to send an officer and informational brochures to the parties and meet any reasonable special requests.

#### **AND REMEMBER...**

- Neighborhood Watch doesn't require frequent meetings or a loss of privacy.

- The NHW program is a community action program, not an Appleton Police program. We are here to assist you and will do our best to meet your needs so your NHW group will be successful.
- NHW doesn't ask that any group member take any personal risk.
- NHW leaves the responsibility for apprehending criminals where it belongs...with the police.

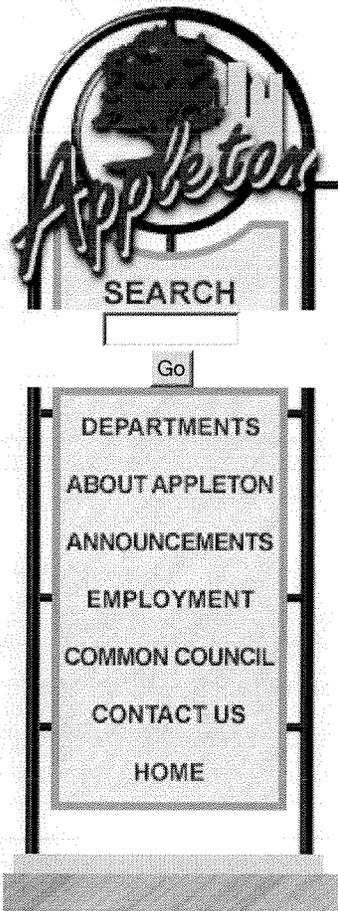
**GET STARTED TODAY  
(180 groups & still growing!)**

**NHW Start-up Petition**

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### Neighborhood Watch

#### ***When you're not home, who watches? Listens? Reports?***

The best crime prevention tool ever invented is a GOOD NEIGHBOR! In fact, neighbors working together, in cooperation with law enforcement, can make one of the best crime-fighting teams around.

#### ***What is Neighborhood Watch?***

NHW is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce residential crime. You may have heard it called Home Alert, Neighborhood Block Watch, or Citizen Crime Watch. The names may differ, but the idea is the same:

### **NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER!**

#### ***How does NHW work?***

You and your neighbors are the ones who are in a position to really know what goes on in your neighborhood. Ask yourself: Would a police officer recognize a stranger in your yard or a suspicious vehicle in your driveway? Maybe not. But your neighbors probably would!

And that's what Neighborhood Watch is all about. Organizing the eyes and ears of an entire neighborhood into a powerful, hard to penetrate, 24-hour a day barrier... protecting neighborhoods from crime.

#### ***Neighborhood Watch helps members to:***

- Improve the security of their homes, families, and personal belongings.
- Recognize suspicious and unusual activity in their neighborhood.
- Build a communication network that works to protect their neighborhood.
- Gain a feeling of genuine security through their ability to actually DETER crime.

#### ***Is Neighborhood Watch really effective?***

You bet it is! The reason is simple enough  
**DESIRE...OPPORTUNITY...ABILITY**

Criminals must have all three if they are to be successful. NHW groups DENY criminals the OPPORTUNITY and ABILITY they need by refusing the criminal the chance to operate undetected.

All across the United States, wherever NHW groups are active, the reduction of crime has been substantial...even dramatic!

**Starting a NHW Group**

**Neighborhood Watch Group Areas**

**REMINDER: National Night Out is August 5,2008!**

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

2007 Bill

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in an action for damages

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: civil immunity for neighborhood watch members.

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill provides civil immunity to members of neighborhood watch organizations who, in good faith, provide information to the local law enforcement agency about suspicious activities, persons, or vehicles in their neighborhood. The bill requires a person who brings an action against the neighborhood watch member for damages related to the report to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the report of information was not made in good faith. In addition, if the neighborhood watch member is found to have acted in good faith, the court shall award him or her costs under ch. 814 and reasonable attorney fees.

\* Court

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

2 SECTION 1. 895.488 of the statutes is created to read:

3 895.488 Civil Immunity exemption; neighborhood watch members. (1)

4 In this section, "neighborhood watch organization" means an organized group of  
5 persons living in a neighborhood who, in cooperation with the local law enforcement  
6 agency that has jurisdiction in that neighborhood, agree to report suspicious  
7 activities, persons, or vehicles in their neighborhood to that law enforcement agency.

1 <sup>reports</sup> (2) Any member of a neighborhood watch organization who, in good faith,  
2 ~~provides~~ information about what he or she considers suspicious activities, persons,  
3 or vehicles to the local law enforcement agency is immune from civil liability for his  
4 or her acts or omissions in <sup>a reporting</sup> ~~providing~~ the information.

5 (3) Any person who brings an action against a neighborhood watch member for  
6 damages <sup>related to the report of</sup> ~~for providing~~ information under sub. (2), asserting that the acts or  
7 omissions in <sup>a reporting</sup> ~~providing~~ the information were not made in good faith, has the burden  
8 of proving that assertion by clear and convincing evidence.

9 (4) If, in an action against a neighborhood watch member for damages <sup>a</sup> ~~for~~  
10 <sup>related to the report of</sup> ~~providing~~ information under sub. (2), the court determines that the neighborhood  
11 watch member is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in  
12 <sup>a reporting</sup> ~~furnishing~~ the information, the court shall award the neighborhood watch member  
13 costs under ch. 814 and, notwithstanding s. 814.04 (1), reasonable attorney fees.

History: 1995 a. 177.

14 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to information <sup>a reported</sup> ~~furnished~~ to a law enforcement agency  
16 on the effective date of this subsection.

17 (END) ✓

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Please jacket LRB 3203 for introduction.

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