BENEFITS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

1. Neighborhood policing by you and your neighbors, together with the Sheriff’s office provides a greater sense of security, well-being, and a reduction of fear of crime because you are watching out for each other.

2. In our Crime Watch program, you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a crime victim. Decrease the chance of your home being burglarized, while at the same time, reducing the chance of being a victim of vandalism, assault, auto theft, burglary, carjacking and other personal crimes.

3. You will learn how to observe and report suspicious activities in your neighborhood. It will teach you to watch for information law enforcement agencies need when you report a crime and how to detect illegal activities on a daily basis.

4. One of the major benefits of the program is getting to know your neighbors. You will know their patterns and they will get to know yours. When either of you is away, someone will be watching your residence. In doing this, you are not getting involved in each other's business, rather, you are just watching out for your neighbor. The motto of the program is “We Look out for Each Other.”

5. You will be given to information on criminal activity in your area. You will come to understand crime trends and patterns, and will be better prepared on what to watch for in your neighborhood.

6. By purchasing a Crime Watch sign for your home and displaying decals on your windows, you will be telling a potential criminal that you are not going to be an easy target and that they are probably being watched. You are telling them you have taken steps in your neighborhood to reduce crime. Convicted burglars report avoiding neighborhoods that have Crime Watch signs posted.

7. Through your Team Leaders in the Crime Watch program, you will get together for monthly or quarterly meetings. The subjects at these meetings may be crime prevention, fire protection, recent scams, or some other subject of current interest.

8. In summary, you are the eyes and ears of your law enforcement agency in Pueblo West. BE WATCHFUL, BE ALERT, BE SAFE AND BECOME A MEMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH.

For more information on how to join the Crime Watch program, contact the Pueblo West coordinators, Herman Arellano (547-0642) and Charlie Keen (547-2894)

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