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WATCH YOUR BLOCK

Get to know your neighbors- recognize their vehicles and regular visitors in the area.

Keep contact information handy to reach area Block Captain and your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

Have visible address numbers posted on your house, preferably three to four inches high on contrasting background.

Keep shrubbery well trimmed and use outdoor lighting to provide maximum visibility.

Register your valuables and personal property in the "My Property" section on the Tampa PD mobile app.

Use secure locks to protect doors and windows.

Dial 9-1-1 immediately when you see suspicious activity. Stay on the line to provide the dispatcher with information. Afterwards, share this information with your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. He/She will inform neighbors about the incident and how to stay safe.

Attend and participate in Neighborhood Watch meetings and encourage other residents to become involved.

Inform at least one neighbor and Block Captain where you can be contacted in case of an emergency

KEEP IN CONTACT

District One Staff

Alexander Thiel, Major
Whitney McCormick, Captain
David Fernandez, Captain
Tierra Thompson, Community
Partnership Liaison

3818 Tampa Bay Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33614
813-354-6600

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY : 9-1-1

NON EMERGENCY: 813-231-6130

CRIME STOPPERS: 800-873-8477

NOISE COMPLAINTS: 813-231-6130

ILLEGAL DUMPING: 813-274-8811

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 813-274-5545

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE: 813-223-0800



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



**Residents and Police working together
to keep neighborhoods safe.**

GET INVOLVED

You and your family will be safer.

When you work with your neighbors in Watch activities, you'll learn to look out for homebound seniors or latchkey children and, in return, you'll learn who's looking out for you.

You'll help reduce crime.

An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.

You'll have a way to get help addressing neighborhood problems that concern you.

Neighborhood Watch serves as a springboard for efforts that address concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and traffic safety.

You can learn new skills and get experience using them.

You'll learn crime prevention skills, including the ability to be the eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Your whole family can get involved.

There's a role for everyone in Neighborhood Watch. Young children can pick up litter and take part in safety programs designed just for them. Youth can teach younger children how to stay safe. Retirees can operate telephone trees, and write newsletters.

KEEP WATCH

Preventing crime, particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods, is a responsibility that must be shared by law enforcement and private residents. The fact is the impact of crime prevention by law enforcement alone is minimal compared to what residents can achieve by working together to take back their neighborhoods from crime.

Recognizing Suspicious Activity

A person or vehicle in the same place for an unusual length of time.

A parked car with the engine running and no one inside.

A person looking into cars, moving from car to car, and/or trying door handles.

A person looking into windows of homes or forcibly entering a car or home.

A person running from a home for no apparent reason, especially at night.

A person you don't know offering candy or gifts to children.

A vehicle driving around your block frequently, slowing down and speeding up.



Call 9-1-1 to report life-threatening incidents or crimes in progress.

Dial the non-emergency number at 813-231-6130 for crimes that have already occurred.

REPORT IT

Call directly to the Tampa Police Department Communications Center:

Non-Emergency 813-231-6130
Emergency 9-1-1

For a Suspect:

Provide the dispatcher with a head-to-toe description, (gender, race, clothing description, age range, approximate height and weight)

Try to remember distinctive features like hair style, scars/tattoos, shoes and voice

For a vehicle:

Remember "C-Y-M-B-A-L"

C-Color

Y-Year

M- Make/Model

B- Body Style

A- Anything Else (rims, sunroof, damage, tint)

L- Lincense Plate
