Taunton Safe Neighborhood Initiative: Neighborhood Crime Watch

Do we need a Neighborhood Crime Watch in our Neighborhood

Are you experiencing an increase in violence, break-ins or a number of new vehicles going to one specific house? If you are you may want to learn about Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Neighborhood Crime Watch is a crime prevention program that brings citizens, Taunton Police, and Taunton Safe Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) together in an effort to deter crime and make our neighborhoods safe. The program is known nation-wide for its ability to extend the eyes and ears of the police to every citizen.

Goals of Neighborhood Watch:

a. Develop citizen involvement and concern toward crime prevention.

b. Generate citizen's awareness of crime prevention concepts to aid in reducing many types of crime.

c. Build a strong relationship between the citizens, Taunton Police Department and Safe Neighborhood Initiative.

d. Reduce crime activity within the neighborhood.

How do I start Neighborhood Watch Program?

1. Call the SNI Program Advisor at the Department of Human Services: Jennifer Bastille 508-821-1420 for more information on the Neighborhood Watch Program and to set up a meeting date.

2. An informational meeting will be set up with the group, SNI Program Advisor and a Community Police Officer (CPO). At this meeting the citizens can discuss the crime problems in the neighborhood.

3. After the informational meeting a follow up meeting will be scheduled to meet again in about 2-3 months.

How does the Neighborhood Watch Meetings Operate.

1. Introductions

2. CPO will report on incidents that have happened in the neighborhood since the last meeting.

3. SNI Program Advisor will discuss any safety tips or recent scams. Review concerns/issues from the previous meeting.

4. Citizen can discuss their concerns or crime issues.
What are citizens seeing?
Who is causing trouble?
Where are the problem areas?

5. Schedule the next meeting , at this time anyone wishing to speak privately with the CPO or SNI Advisor can do so.