

## Resources

- **Watsonville Police Department**  
215 Union Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
(831) 768-3300
- **SCR 9-1-1**  
495 Upper Park Rd  
Santa Cruz, CA 5065  
(831)471-1000  
[www.sccecc.org](http://www.sccecc.org)
- **National Sheriff's Association**  
1450 Duke St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 838-5305
- **USAONWATCH.org**
- **American Security Educators**  
P.O. Box 1337  
Downey, CA 90240  
(562) 928-1847



### **Watsonville PD Crime Prevention Unit encourages you to:**

- Immediately report suspicious and criminal activity to the Police.
- Get involved in community activity. Volunteer!.
- Get to know your local police officers. We are here to serve you. Let's keep a positive relationship between the community and local law enforcement.

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**Business Phone: (831) 768-3300  
Non-Emergency Dispatch: (831) 471-1151**



# **Watsonville Police Department**



## What is Neighborhood Watch?

- Cooperation between neighbors/residents/law enforcement to reduce crime and solve problems.
- Opportunity to know/work with neighbors.
- Improves quality of life in your neighborhood.

## Why is Neighborhood Watch Needed?

- More likely eliminates crime before it happens.
- Family and property protection.
- Protection of neighbors and their property.
- Neighbors and residents see what a police officer may not.
- Improves Relationships.
- Peace of Mind.



## How to Eliminate Opportunity.

- Lock Your Vehicles and remove all items from seats/view.
- Lock and deadbolt all doors and windows.
- Keep outdoor lights lit at night.
- Know your area.
- Be Observant.

## Start Your Own Program

- Build Your Group.  
*It is important to involve as many people in your area/neighborhood as possible. The more eyes the better.*
- Hold a Committee Meeting  
*Get to know who you are working with.*
- Assign Positions/Delegate Responsibility

**Watch Coordinator:** Contact person for the program. They organize meetings, delegate assignments, organize the purchase of materials, and are responsible for the entire program.

**Block Captain:** Appointed by the watch coordinator. They are responsible for their designated area or block in the neighborhood, and should be the contact person for the members assigned to that area. They keep records of observation and activity.

**Committed Members:** Are assigned to regular patrol and report information to their assigned Block Captain. Their job is to identify suspicious and criminal activity and report it to Fire or Law Enforcement.

## How to Patrol

- **From your home:** You can observe a lot simply by sitting on your front porch or looking out your window.
- **Automobile or foot observation:** Take a walk or a drive around your neighborhood to check for vehicles/activity out of the ordinary.
- **Listening:** Your ears are as valuable as your eyes. If you hear strange sounds, (screams, bangs, broken glass, shots, etc.) don't hesitate to report to Police or Fire.



## Suspicious Activity

**Suspicious activity** is any abnormal actions or conduct which appears out of place, and should not happen in your area. Some examples are:

- Unmoved person/vehicle
- Vehicle frequently circling the block/area
- A person with torn or messy clothing attire, or appearing to conceal something.
- A person looking into cars.
- Vehicle in unusually damaged condition.
- An unfamiliar person, or someone who stops people on the street.

If you observe suspicious activity, trust your instincts and call

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## Criminal Activity

**Criminal Activity** is an intentional act which is socially harmful or dangerous, and is specifically defined, prohibited, and punishable under criminal law.

If criminal activity is committed in your presence,

**Call 911** if:

- Immediate help is necessary.
- Lives are in danger.
- A serious crime is in progress.
- There is injury, death, or apprehension of a suspected criminal.
- You are in doubt of seriousness.