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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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There is no greater reward for a Community than when citizens get involved and their information helps police solve current crimes and prevent future ones.

Neighborhood Watch gives citizens the tools they need to make a difference in their own communities and to keep their family and home safe.

If a citizen is afraid to call the police on their own but are part of a Neighborhood Watch group, the Neighborhood Watch Captain takes the

responsibility of calling the police with the information. This provides the police with useful information that they would not otherwise have and the citizen remains anonymous.

Neighborhood Watch also promotes relationships among neighbors. These relationships alone contribute to a reduction in crime.

A criminal's biggest fear is a person who cares enough to be involved. An hour or so of your time once a month is a small price to pay to re-

duce crime in your community.

Help keep your community safe and join or start a Neighborhood Watch.

For information on current Neighborhood Watch groups or starting a new one contact:

Officer Sarah Powell at 804-646-0407 or Sarah.Powell@richmond.gov.com



CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

Currently property crimes are popular in the City. These crimes include theft from vehicles and buildings, breaking and entering and robbery.

Lock your home and vehicle at all times. Also be

aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons or activity.

For specific crimes in your area check your Sector Newsletter found at:

<http://www.richmondgov.com/Police/Newsletter>

Or the daily crime report on the City's website:

<http://www.richmondgov.com/Police/>

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE RICHMOND CITY QUARTERLY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Our First Annual Richmond City Quarterly Neighborhood Watch Meeting/Training will be held on:

Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30pm

Richmond Police Training Academy
1202 West Graham Road
Richmond, VA

During this meeting we will discuss

- Current crime trends in the city
- Crime prevention
- Personal safety
- Activities to strengthen a watch group
- Highlights of current N.W. groups

Current Neighborhood Watch members and persons who are interested in joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch Group are encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments will be served.

TIPS ON RESOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CONFLICT

- Praise individuals for their thoughtful actions, talk about their good deeds. Overlook the negative and accent the positive.
- Be open to learning new ideas and ways of doing things. Encourage others to be curious. Show empathy and compassion. Remember, there are two sides to every situation, to every argument.
- Meet in a circle or round table, avoid using square tables which resemble taking sides.
- Talk to the person who is getting least attention in a gathering. No one likes to feel alone.
- Get to know the people you meet. Ask questions and show interest in their work, their customs, their language, their disability, etc.
- Share stories and experiences. We are all interested in learning that others have similar happy and painful times.

<http://conflictindex.com/articles.html>

<http://www.richmondgov.com/Police/>

