

What is USAonWatch?



USAonWatch is more than just a website! USAonWatch empowers citizens to become active in homeland security through Neighborhood

Watch groups. The National Sheriffs' Association in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), launched USAonWatch in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Watch Groups are encouraged to learn more about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, terrorism awareness, and emergency response.



USAonWatch promotes the formation of new watch groups and provides citizens with a one-stop-shop for information on crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch.

Crime prevention is the foundation of Neighborhood Watch. However, watch groups must take the next step and become active in the fight against terrorism and in preparing their community for disasters.



USAonWatch provides citizens and law enforcement with information on how to establish and maintain watch groups and much more! In our Response Center you can:

- Download Neighborhood Watch Manuals, Home Security Checklists, Rural Crime and Prevention Brochures and other helpful information.
- Explore links to Partner Programs and other Crime Prevention Resources.

**Neighborhood Watch is
Homeland Security in your hometown!**

**Meet the Challenge!
Get Involved!**

What are some of the benefits of starting a watch group?

- Improved Communications with Law Enforcement
- Reduction in Crime
- A More Secure and Better Prepared Hometown
- A More United Community

5 Steps to Starting a Neighborhood Watch

- 1 Recruit and organize as many neighbors as possible
- 2 Contact your local law enforcement agency and schedule a meeting
- 3 Discuss community concerns and develop an action plan
- 4 Hold regular meetings and train
- 5 Implement a phone tree and take action steps



Don't forget to register your watch groups at USAonwatch.org!

It's easy. Just click on Register/Start A Watch, login, and complete the registration form.

Why register? When you register a watch group, you will receive:

- FREE Action Packs with Information on Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Corps and more.
- FREE Bumper Stickers, Decals and Lapel Pins.
- FREE Subscription to the National Neighborhood Watch Newsletter "Watch This."

**AND become eligible for the
National Awards of Excellence!**

Partner Programs

citizen  *corps*

The mission of Citizen Corps is to have everyone participate in making America safer. Councils in your state, county and local community are encouraging citizens to play a role in homeland security through personal responsibility, training, and volunteer service.

To learn more about Citizen Corps and its partners or to find a Council near you, visit www.citizencorps.gov

Is your watch group capable of assisting emergency responders in a disaster?



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program provides citizens with training in basic emergency response skills such as fire suppression, light search and rescue, and much more. To get your watch group trained or to learn more about CERT go to www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT



Fire Corps promotes the use of citizen advocates to enhance the capacity of fire and rescue departments. To learn more about Fire Corps visit www.firecorps.org



Medical Reserve Corps strengthens communities by helping medical, public health and other volunteers offer their expertise thought out the year as well as during local emergencies and other times of community need. To learn more about Medical Reserve Corps visit www.medicalreservecorps.gov



Volunteers in Police Service works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. To learn more about Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) visit www.policevolunteers.org

For more information and resources on Neighborhood Watch, USAonWatch, and the Citizen Corps partners, and to register your watch group, go to;

USAonWatch.org

**FOR ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING
A WATCH GROUP IN YOUR AREA, CONTACT:**

Neighborhood Watch USA on Watch



BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance



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