

## Message From the Sheriff



Dear Friend,  
I am committed to the strengthening the partnership between the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the community. To reinforce my commitment to you, the Crime Prevention Section is available to assist you in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Group within your community.

Our Crime Prevention Specialists will present this program free of charge. Please call **863-298-6677** to schedule your Neighborhood Watch.

The members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,



Sheriff, Polk County

Administration      Central District  
**(863) 298-6200**      **(863) 297-1100**

Southeast District      Northeast District  
**(863) 678-4170**      **(863) 236-3900**

Northwest District      Southwest District  
**(863) 577-1600**      **(863) 499-2400**

To report a crime that has already occurred  
or if you need law enforcement  
(non-emergency), call:

**863-298-6200 or 800-226-0344**



If you would like the Crime Prevention  
Section or other Sheriff's official to speak to  
your neighborhood, civic club, church, etc.:

**863-298-6677**

General information regarding the  
Sheriff's Office:

**863-298-6200**



*Do you have information about a crime or  
criminal suspect?*

Contact **Heartland Crime Stoppers** and  
remain anonymous; you may be eligible for a  
cash reward.

**800-226-TIPS (8477)**

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Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. It also gives citizens the opportunity to give back to their neighborhood by working together to make the neighborhood safer and improve the quality of life. Your participation is vital in order to make the program successful.

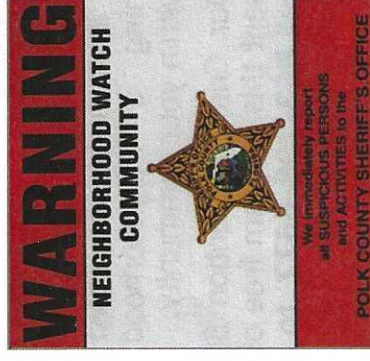
## Getting started:

- ◆ Talk with your neighbors about their concerns regarding crime in the area and determine the level of interest others have in starting a Neighborhood Watch group.
- ◆ Contact your local law enforcement agency and invite them to meet with your group at a time and place convenient to your Neighborhood Watch group members. Your participation is vital in order to make the program successful.

## What's next:

- ◆ Crime Prevention Specialists will provide visual aids and distribute materials to enhance each participant's ability to use proven crime prevention techniques during each of two Neighborhood Watch presentations. Topics include Home Security, The Vial of Life, Mail and Identity Theft, Operation ID, and Reporting Suspicious Activity.
- ◆ By utilizing proven crime prevention techniques, residents can begin to remove the opportunity for crime in their neighborhoods.

- ◆ After completion of the second meeting, participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs and decals to display prominently on their homes and in their neighborhood.



The Polk County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Section is available to conduct Neighborhood Watch, and other Crime Prevention Programs, **FREE OF CHARGE**. Programs may be tailored to address the needs of the individual group or neighborhood.