

## Can You Answer, YES?

- Do exterior lights illuminate all entrances to your home?
- Is shrubbery trimmed so a burglar can't hide near windows and doors?
- Are garage doors kept closed and locked at all times?
- Are exterior doors made of solid core construction (including door leading from garage to house)?
- Is there a peephole viewer (180 degrees) on the front door?
- Are sliding glass doors secured with auxiliary locks or a Charlie Bar and are screws in the track to prevent removal of doors?
- Are exterior doors secured with a deadbolt lock (single or double cylinder) with a minimum 1-inch throw?
- Do striker plates on exterior doors have screws that are at least three inches long?
- Are windows secured with locks?
- Do you report suspicious persons or activity in the neighborhood to the police immediately?
- Are doors locked at all times?
- Are your valuables marked with your Alabama driver's license number and do you have a record of them?

To start a watch group in your area, contact the Huntsville Community Watch Association or your precinct Community Relations Officers.

### **Huntsville Community Watch Association**

Email: [hcwa2011@yahoo.com](mailto:hcwa2011@yahoo.com)

### **Community Relations Officers**

#### **North Precinct**

256-746-4104

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#### **South Precinct**

256-213-4548

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#### **West Precinct**

256-427-5209

256-427-5496

### **Community Relations Supervisor**

256-746-4132

For More Information, Please Visit

**[HSVCOMMUNITYWATCH.COM](http://HSVCOMMUNITYWATCH.COM)**

**If you notice a crime in progress, call 9-1-1 immediately.**

**For non-emergency situations, call 256-722-7100 .**



## Take a Stand Against Crime

# JOIN HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY WATCH



**Be a Part of a  
Positive Relationship  
With The  
Huntsville Police  
Department**

# Starting a Watch Group

Congratulations on considering Community Watch as a way to help make your neighborhood safer!

Get together with your neighbors to determine if there is interest in starting a Community Watch group in your area. Be sure to let them know that Community Watch does NOT require patrolling or attending lengthy meetings.

Once you have a group three or more individuals from three different households, contact your Community Relations Officers for help planning your first meeting and get in touch with the Huntsville Community Watch Association.

Prior to the meeting with the CROs and the HCWA board, decide who will be the groups coordinator and co-coordinator. If your group is to cover several streets, you might consider asking for volunteer block captains. Also, prepare a map of the area your group will cover. This will be given to the CROs and HCWA at the meeting. Give your watch group a name.

The meeting is the neighborhood's opportunity to discuss any concerns and receive expert advice from the officer. After your startup meeting, keep in communication with your neighbors. Consider starting an email group or a private social media group to keep in touch. Create reasons to get together, such as park cleanups, a community garden, or a block party. Consider inviting your CROs to attend.



## What is Community Watch?

Community Watch is a crime prevention program that involves citizen participation. Community Watch groups serve as an extra set of "eyes and ears" for their neighbors, and for law enforcement.

A community watch program helps people feel more connected to each other. Community participation and a shared responsibility for what is happening in your neighborhood can be vital to your.

By communicating with your neighbors, you can share important information that will make your community a safer place. You and your neighbors are in the best position to notice when something unusual is happening in your area and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

## What Are My Responsibilities As a Community Watch Member?

- Be alert
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other
- Report crime and suspicious activity to the Police Department.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

If you  
**SEE**  
Something  
**SAY**  
Something