

Monthly Maintenance Meetings

Neighborhood Watch groups are requested to host a minimum of two meetings per year. Please contact the Neighborhood Watch Office at (562) 570-7229, to schedule your meetings and to obtain additional speakers from the Long Beach Police Department or other city resources.



Additional Meeting Topics

Megan's Law
Crime Lab
Identity Theft
Other Topics as Requested

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Long Beach Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Program



Community Relations Division
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Why Neighborhood Watch?

- Over 40 million crimes are committed every year and the number continues to increase.
- There can't be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is crucial to combat this social crisis.
- By cooperating with each other and the Police, people can help fight crime in their communities in the most effective way—before it begins.
- It's a block to block approach against crime, and an opportunity to get acquainted with the people that share your neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Program consists of two core meetings. The core meetings are:

- Introduction/Meet Your Police
- Learning and Implementing Everyday Crime Prevention Techniques

These meetings have been designed to give your group the maximum benefit from the Neighborhood Watch Program and should be scheduled in the order in which they appear. You are encouraged to schedule additional meetings through the Neighborhood Watch Program after you have completed the two core Neighborhood Watch meetings.

All core meetings should be scheduled through the Long Beach Police Department's Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7229. Please allow two weeks advance notice to ensure the availability of a speaker. All meetings will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes and are generally scheduled Monday through Thursday, on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Meetings in Spanish and Khmer can also be accommodated. Should your group have a special request, please notify us in advance and we will make every effort to accommodate you.

Core Meetings

• Introduction to Neighborhood Watch

This meeting will inform residents on how their participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program can prevent crime in their neighborhood. Residents will be assisted in organizing future meetings that will focus on various methods of crime prevention. In addition, you will learn how to access and understand crime statistics for your neighborhood, and meet the officer who patrols in your area. At this meeting, you will be able to talk directly to the officer, focusing on concerns in your neighborhood, get to know your neighbors and learn how to set up a blockmap/phone roster. Also residents will learn the operation of our 9-1-1 phone lines, how to be a good witness, and how to recognize and report suspicious activity.

• Learning and Implementing Crime Prevention Techniques

Residents will learn how criminals choose their victims and commit their crimes, as well as what crimes are prevalent in your area. The latest in crime prevention techniques and technology will be taught, with an emphasis on home and vehicle security, personal safety, and identity theft. All residents that attend both meetings will receive their Neighborhood Watch window sticker and the block will be an "official" Neighborhood Watch group! In order to keep the status of "active," groups need to meet at least twice a year, and notify the Neighborhood Watch coordinator of meetings.

Reorganization Meeting:

This is a modification of the Introduction to Neighborhood Watch meeting for groups that were previously organized, but have not been actively participating in the program.