



# LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



## HOW TO START A COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP

### ABOUT COMMUNITY WATCH

Community Watch is an extremely effective crime prevention tool that brings the community and the police together to deter crime and make communities safer. The program's "block-to-block" approach allows you to get to know your neighbors and your beat officers, and will teach you how to make crime prevention a part of your daily routine, simply by watching out for each other.

The program does not require frequent meetings and does not ask anyone to put themselves at risk. Participants are asked to report suspicious activity to police and let them handle the situation. To start a Community Watch in your neighborhood, please see the map on the reverse side of this flyer to identify the Neighborhood Services Specialist in your area.

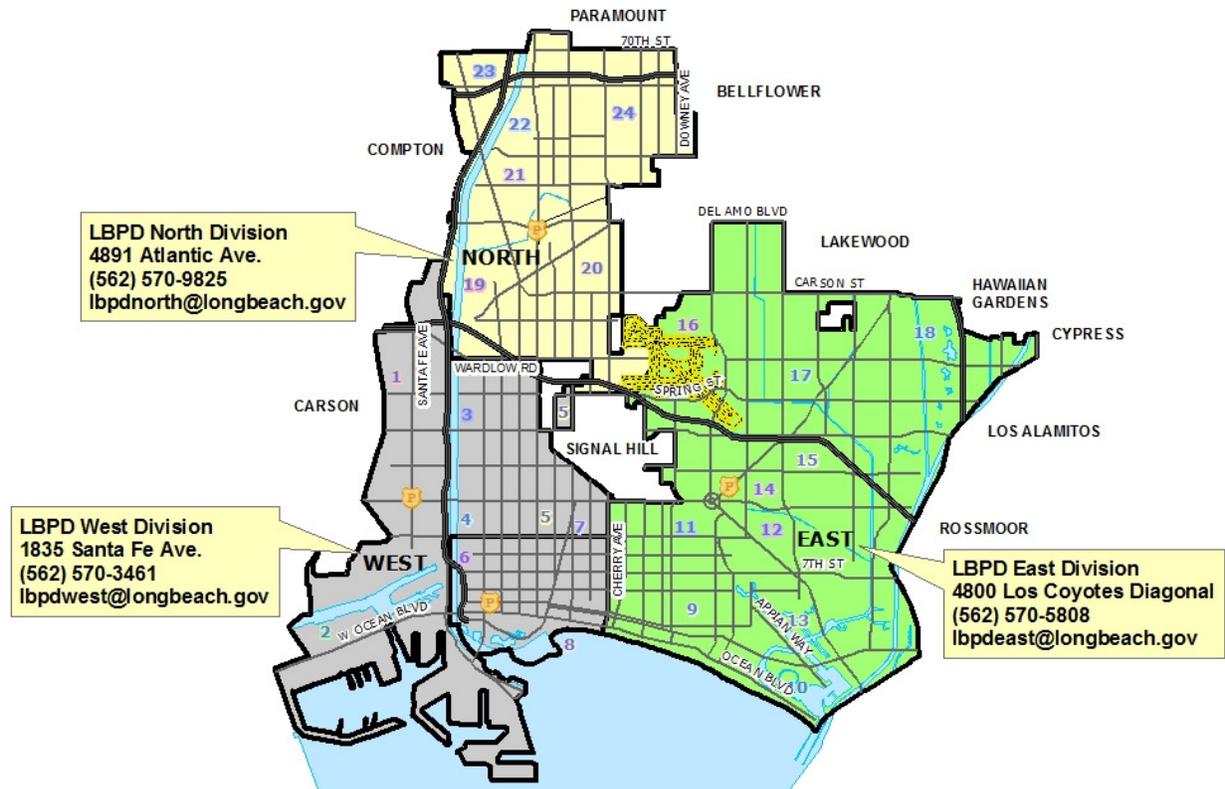
### TIPS & TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

- **Be Inclusive** — involve people with different backgrounds and ages to reflect your whole community
- **Hold Regular Meetings** — hold regular meetings to help members get to know each other and to decide on program strategies and activities
- **"Window Watchers"** — ask people to be "window watchers" when they are home, looking out for children and reporting any unusual activities in the neighborhood to police immediately
- **Translators** — be willing/capable to translate all information into other languages needed by non-English speakers in your community. If necessary, have a translator at meetings.
- **Remember ... You Are Not the Police** — remind members that community watch groups are not vigilantes and should not assume the role of the police.



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## Community Watch Contact Information



### FREQUENTLY USED PHONE NUMBERS

**Emergency Police & Fire 9-1-1**

**Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency) 562-435-6711**

Animal Care Services - 562-570-PETS (7387)

Code Enforcement - 562-570-CODE (2633)

Graffiti Abatement - 562-570-2773

Neighborhood Resource Center - 562-570-1010

Parking Enforcement - 562-570-2866

Trash Collection & Recycling - 562-570-2876

### PD Hotlines (24 -hour Voicemail)

Narcotics Hotline - 562-570-7125

Gang Tip Line 562-426-4847

Criminal Intelligence Sec. Tip Line - 562-570-5593

Traffic Complaints - 562-570-7209

### LA Regional Crime Stoppers:

Call (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) or visit [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org)

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