What is USAonWatch?

USAonWatch is more than just a website! USAonWatch empowers residents to become active in homeland security through Neighborhood Watch groups.

The National Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice, launched USAonWatch in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It encourages Watch groups to learn more about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, emergency response, and terrorism awareness.

USAonWatch promotes the formation of new watch groups and provides residents 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 residents and law enforcement with information on how to establish and maintain Watch groups and much more! In our Resource Center at usaonwatch.org you can:

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

Meet the challenge!
Get Involved!

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 community members*
5. *Implement a phone tree and take action steps*

Register

Don't forget to register your Watch groups at usaonwatch.org!

It's easy. Just click on Register 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!

What are some of the benefits of starting a Watch Group?

Improved Communications and Partnerships with Law Enforcement

Reduction in Crime

A More Secure and Better Prepared Hometown

A More United Community

Program Partners

citizen corps
UNITING COMMUNITIES
PREPARING THE NATION

The mission of Citizen Corps is to have communities participate in making America safer. Councils in your state, county, and local community are encouraging residents 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.

CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

To get your watch group trained or to learn more about CERT go to http://www.citizencorps.gov/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.

FIRE CORPS

Medical Reserve Corps strengthens communities by helping medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise throughout 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.

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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.

VIPS
Volunteers in Police Service

For more information and resources on Neighborhood Watch, USAonWatch, the Citizen Corps partners, and to register your Watch Group, go to:

www.usaonwatch.org

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

BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

National Sheriffs' Association
1450 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
1-800-424-7827

In cooperation with your local law enforcement agency.

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