

To help you get started we suggest you use this brochure to introduce yourself to your neighbors and to plan for your initial meeting with the police department liaison officer.

INTRODUCTION TO TOWN WATCH:

My name is: (Print Full Name)

I am interested in forming a Town Watch and would ask if you share a similar interest? If so, I would ask you to print your name below. We will be contacting the Police Department for assistance in setting up our group and you will be notified of the time and date for the meeting.

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- 2. _____
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- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____

NOTIFICATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

We are interested in forming a Town Watch and would ask for your assistance. I will serve as the initial contact person for our group and may be reached as follows:

NAME: _____

BEST CONTACT TIME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Home Address: _____

BEST CONTACT TIME: _____

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
50 Township Road, Richboro, PA 18954
For All Emergencies DIAL 9-1-1
For Police Service DIAL (215) 357-8700
For Business Calls Dial (215) 322-6111
For Fax (215) 357-3592
Web site: www.northamptontownship.com

FORMING A TOWN WATCH

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizens Working Together to Solve Concerns and Issues affecting the Quality of Life in their Neighborhood!



THE BUILDING BLOCKS TO FORMING A TOWN WATCH

DO WE NEED A TOWN WATCH IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

To answer that question you must first ask yourself several preliminary questions.

1. Do I care about my family, my neighbors and myself?

2. Do I care what happens in our neighborhood and community?

3. Do I want to help keep my neighborhood safe?

4. IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS THEN A TOWN WATCH IS FOR YOU!

HOW DOES A TOWN WATCH GROUP WORK?

The primary goal of a Town Watch group is to bring the members of that neighborhood or sector of the township together to work in concert to solve concerns and problems in that neighborhood and ultimately the entire Township.

The members of the Town Watch will work with a police department liaison to exchange information and develop programs for their specific group and area.

A Group Captain would need to be selected for the group. The Group Captain will coordinate meetings and other events with the members of the group and the police department liaison.

The group may decide that their meetings should be formal or informal. Remember, the purpose of the group is to improve and / or maintain the quality of life in your area.

Many groups utilize their meetings as a great time to meet new neighbors and / or reaffirm established friendships.

Remember, Quality of Life issues mean more than just addressing perceived crime issues.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT FORMING A TOWN WATCH?

Discuss the idea of forming a town watch with your family.

If everyone agrees it would be a good idea then discuss it with your neighbors to see if there is any interest in your neighborhood or professional-commercial-business community.

If there is interest, then decide to hold a preliminary meeting with the initial

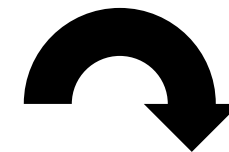
parties interested and the police department liaison.

Contact the Police Department at 215-322-6111 and ask to speak with or leave a message for the Operations Lieutenant. The Lieutenant will put you in contact with the police department liaison for Town Watch groups.

When contacted by the liaison, finalize your initial meeting and the officer will help to get your group up and running.

WILL WE NEED TO BUY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR TO COMMIT TO A SPECIFIC TIME TO PATROL OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

The short answer is No! The police department liaison will discuss a number of community policing methods that work with you. Your group and your resources will determine your degree of participation, but sound common sense and the Law will govern your actions.



IMPORTANT

INFORMATION:

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS BY MEMBERS OF TOWN WATCH GROUPS WHILE ON TOWN WATCH PATROL OR DURING ANY OTHER TOWN WATCH ACTIVITIES.