

## **NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS**

I came from a time when I knew everyone on my street - and they knew me. As a kid if I did something that I shouldn't have, my father would know about it before I got home. That was a good incentive to behave no matter where I was in the neighborhood. My neighbors, without realizing it, had formed their own neighborhood watch.

We, in the Woodlands, now have an opportunity to form our own **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**. Wouldn't it be great if we could bring the Woodlands back to that time when everyone watched out for everyone else and everyone on your street knew you, your children and all of their names? Well, that's what the Neighborhood Watch Program is all about.

*" I don't have time for meetings and patrolling around with walkie talkies."* Is that what you're thinking?

## **THERE ARE NO MEETINGS AND THERE IS NO PATROLLING**

To participate, all you need to do is get to know your neighbors and keep an eye on what's happening on your block. Now that's easy enough isn't it? When you see anything suspicious - maybe a stranger looking into garages, peering into cars, or a group of kids/adults acting in a rowdy manner; it could be just about anything that doesn't sit right with you. You are the expert on what should and what should not be on your street. If you see anything wrong you have two choices, call 911 and tell the police what's concerning you or, if your uncomfortable with that, you can call your Block Captain and tell him or her what's going on. (In an emergency or serious crime in progress always call 911.)

What is a Block Captain? A Block Captain is a concerned neighbor of yours who stays in touch with the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. The Block Captain is the conduit between you and the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Information is passed between the Coordinator and Block Captains and then from the Block Captains to the rest of the neighborhood. The Coordinator is the only one responsible for attending meetings, gathering pertinent information, running the program and keeping the sheriff's office informed on the concerns of our neighborhood.

## **YOU ARE NEEDED**

The Woodlands' **Neighborhood Watch Program** will need a number of volunteers to be Block Captains. Each Block Captain will represent about 10 or so homes in his/her area.

Without you this program cannot work. To be a part of it all you have to do is keep an eye on your block talk to your neighbors and your Block Captain. That's it!

## **THE BEST CRIME DETERRENT IS A WATCHFUL NEIGHBOR**