
WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBER?

What Should I be looking for?

Anything that looks out of place or abnormal.
Example: someone hanging around a house that you have never seen before and doesn't appear to be performing any type of work or service.

What is Suspicious? What Isn't?

Suspicious: A person acting in a manner that seems abnormal. **Not Suspicious:** A parked car or person walking down the street.

What Information is needed when reporting to the police?

When you call in to report suspicious activity or a crime, be prepared with details. We may ask:

- What Happened? When? Where?
- Is anyone injured?
- Description of person(s), including clothing. Notice age, race, sex, height and weight.
- Vehicle description (make, model, color, license plate number and state).
- Your name and date of birth (you can ask for this info. to remain anonymous).

Who do I report to? How often?

The Le Sueur Police Department or call 911.

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (507) 665-3313

Report whenever you see something that looks out of place or if you witness a crime.

Le Sueur Police Department
205 South 2nd St.
Le Sueur, MN 56058
Phone (507) 665-2041
Emergency: 911

Le Sueur Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program



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WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems and improve the quality of life in our communities.

It Involves:

- Neighbors getting to know each other, care for one another and work together in a program of mutual assistance.
- Citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious or illegal activities in their neighborhoods (it is not about taking the law into your own hands).

**A watchful neighborhood is
key to preventing crime!**

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

There can't be a police officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. By cooperating with each other and the police, people can help fight crime in their neighborhood in the most effective way – before it starts.

Some people fail to call the police simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and be hesitant to call for fear of seeming a "nosy neighbor". Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called.

No law enforcement agency can function effectively without the concerned assistance or responsible citizens.



GET ORGANIZED!

Putting some structure to the group early on will help make future activities run smooth. Formally organizing the team will ensure that this is a group effort.

Determine your group's leadership structure. Who are the "core members"? Is the group large enough to divide into blocks with their own captains? Will you have a designated liaison to the Police Department?

Establish communication channels. What is the groups' preferred method of meeting and communication? Will it mainly be offline with in-person meetings? A phone tree? Email? Social Media?

Create a detailed neighborhood map. The map should include a basic compass and labels for streets, homes and landmarks.

Discuss your topics of concern and determine the group's goals. Be sure to assess available resources and set priorities. Inform everyone of good home security practices.

Schedule regular meetings to address crime prevention and community policing topics and discuss the group's progress. Consider holding in-person meetings less often with more frequent online discussions in between. A combination of both might work best for most groups.