How To Start A Neighborhood Watch

- To start a Neighborhood Watch, talk to your neighbors and enlist their support. Select a Block Captain. Then notify the Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 931-648-0656 and the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator will arrange an organizing meeting with you and your neighbors.
- The Block Captain will help run the Neighborhood Watch in their area. It is preferred that every 10 to 15 homes (recommended maximum of 20 homes) would be served by a Block Captain.
- A Neighborhood Watch group can be any size, from a few neighbors to several blocks in a neighborhood. It is hoped that at least 70% of the homes in a Neighborhood Watch area will agree to participate.
- Police Department crime information pertinent to specific neighborhoods will be transmitted to Neighborhood Watch members who can then distribute the information to their neighborhood.
- Clarksville Neighborhood Watch does not require citizen patrols. It does depend on citizens being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity to 911 or 931-648-0656.
- Home security surveys are not required but are recommended and are available at no cost.
- Reporting suspicious activity does not place anyone in civil or criminal jeopardy. Callers reporting suspicious activity can do so anonymously if they wish.
- "Suspicious persons" calls are easier to investigate than actual crimes. Neighborhood Watch areas often generate more suspicious persons calls to the police but often experience lower levels of crime.
- Neighborhood Watch signs may be available but are not required to be posted.