

Cibola County Sheriff's Office

Neighborhood Watch

Through the years citizens have delegated more and more of their individual responsibility for self protection to law enforcement specialists. As a result, fewer citizens now recognize their responsibility to take an active role in crime prevention and the apprehension of criminals.

Police officers make more arrests each year, but criminal activities continue to rise. Here in Cibola County as well as nationwide, homeowners are being victimized every day at an ever-increasing rate. No one is immune. The time has come when citizens can no longer leave their responsibility for the reduction of crime to others.

Burglary is a crime of opportunity, committed by criminals who capitalize on carelessness or neglect. Most home burglaries are not committed by professionals who have planned to commit a burglary. Most are committed by amateurs, who find an open or unlocked door or window, or drug abusers that take advantage of a home's weak defenses.

To combat the increase in crime in today's society, the Cibola County Sheriff's Office need the eyes and ears of citizens like you. To help the police protect your property from criminals you must get involved. To help you help yourself, your community, and the Cibola County Sheriff's Office the Neighborhood Watch Program was established.

No home can be protected like Fort Knox. All of the locks, bars, lights and alarms cannot guarantee total protection. You cannot make your home, property, and self crime proof, but you can make them crime resistant.

The Cibola County Sheriff's Office would like you to start or join a Neighborhood Watch, and learn what **you** can do to reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim. A Neighborhood Watch is easy to start, and effective when implemented. By starting a Neighborhood Watch in your area, you are taking the first step towards making your home, your neighborhood, and your community a safer place to live.

Please contact the Cibola County Sheriff's Office for more information.

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