



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer citizen program and one of the most effective ways to build a safer neighborhood. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. The focus of Neighborhood Watch is on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime and “watching out for each other.” Through the Neighborhood Watch program you will learn how to prevent and reduce crime, address home and personal security, and build a sense of community in your neighborhood.

## Benefits of a Neighborhood Watch

- Creates a greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control, building community pride and unity.
- Deters criminal activity, which reduces fear of crime and the probability of citizens becoming crime victims.
- Stimulates neighborhood awareness by people watching out for each other.
- Informs residents on the proper way to secure their homes and property, recognize and report suspicious and criminal activity, and the importance of communicating with their neighbors.



# Pasco Sheriff's Office NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Partnering with you to keep Pasco safe!

## How to Build a Successful Neighborhood Watch

**Step 1:** Recruit and organize as many neighbors as possible. GET THE WORD OUT!

**Step 2:** Contact the Pasco Sheriff's Office and schedule a meeting. Everyone in your community is encouraged to attend.

**Step 3:** Discuss community concerns and determine goals and objectives. Develop an action plan.

**Step 4:** Determine a Watch leader, co-leader, block captains and other needed personnel. Hold regular meetings and train on relevant skills.

**Step 5:** Take active steps by working to protect yourself and those in your community. Make everyone aware of your NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!



"Fighting crime and making our community safe is a partnership between our citizens and the Sheriff's Office."

Sheriff Chris Nocco

### **For More Information:**

If you are interested in finding out more information or want to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area, please contact the Pasco Sheriff's Office Community Relations section at 1-813-994-3845 or visit us at [www.PascoSheriff.com](http://www.PascoSheriff.com) under the Community Service link, on Facebook or download our new cellphone app .