

What is community policing?

A partnership between the community and local police to deal with crime and related problems in your neighborhood.



The Role of the Residents

- To report suspicious or criminal activity in a timely manner to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office.
- To be the "eyes and ears" for the police.
- To be good witnesses
- To talk to your neighbors and get them involved in the Watch program.
- To inform each other about things happening in your neighborhood.

The Role of the Community Officer

- To provide assistance in establishing a Neighborhood Watch group.
- To provide training in techniques to assist the police in identifying and addressing issues of concern within your community.
- To act as a single contact person when interacting with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office.
- To provide accurate information on criminal activity occurring in your neighborhood.
- To be familiar with issues affecting the neighborhood.
- To be aware of "hotspots" within the area.
- To be aware of the people in the area who police frequently deal with.

Why it works

This program is not about the police coming out to take reports after a crime has occurred; or about police providing private security for your neighborhood. It's about citizens monitoring and observing activity in their neighborhood and reporting it to the police for further investigation.

The police cannot be everywhere but citizens are.

Crime prevention is a pro-active approach to making neighborhoods safer and reducing fear of crime among the people that live there.

Traditional approach to crime (reactive) - a crime occurs, the police are called, they come out after the fact.

Community policing approach to crime (proactive) - neighbors see something suspicious and call the police BEFORE a crime occurs.