

## HEY, GOT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH???

### A Message from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department



**Every neighborhood benefits from a healthy resident base.** Living in a neighborhood means you have a vested interest in maintaining a community that is safe from unwanted activity or disturbances that in some cases could be criminal. If you agree then you might be interested in learning how you can contribute to the overall safety of your neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Watch is a resident friendly effort that enhances the awareness, communication and involvement of all participating residents.** The goal of Neighborhood Watch is to work with each other, and, your police department when necessary to keep unwanted individuals and activity out of your neighborhood. The first line of defense in any neighborhood is the residents who live there. Each resident has the responsibility to safeguard their home, property and family from crime. The decisions you make, based upon the information you have, will hopefully reduce your chances of victimization. For example, all homeowners should know that an open garage is an easy access point for a criminal. Keeping the garage door closed when not in use will greatly reduce the chances of a garage burglary or entry into your home.

**No neighborhood is a fortress.** Criminals can and do find ways in, and in some cases, they may actually be residents of the neighborhood itself! If you think that a Neighborhood Watch effort would help your neighborhood, then you are encouraged to begin a Neighborhood Watch group on your street. The typical Neighborhood Watch group is 10 – 30 homes that are close enough for residents to maintain a reasonable amount of awareness over each other and activity. Neighborhood Watch is a resident effort and not the responsibility of your HOA. Neighborhood Watch is “done by you, not for you”, and as such it is residents who make this program work. **If you are interested in beginning a Neighborhood Watch group with your immediate neighbors, please contact my office for assistance! Neighborhood Watch works – but it is up to you!**

**Citizen attention is the best crime prevention!**



**LVMPD / Crime Prevention Specialists / Call 3-1-1 and ask for the Area Command that provides police service to your neighborhood! It's that easy to get the conversation started.**