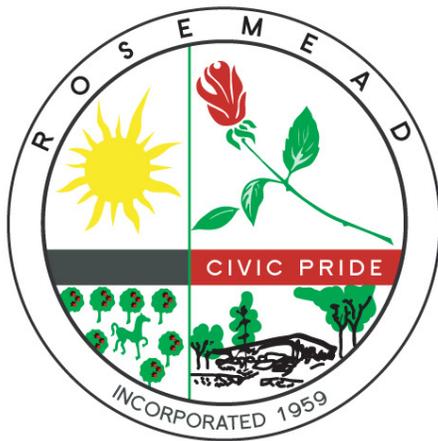


City of Rosemead

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GUIDE



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# Introduction

Rosemead's Neighborhood Watch program is the most effective means available for keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented—a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. They live in residential dwellings throughout Rosemead.

When you and your neighbors work together with law enforcement and the Public safety Department, one of the best crime fighting teams is created. Be a good neighbor and make your community safer from criminals by starting a Neighborhood Watch program. Remember, the battle against crime can be won by joining our neighbors to reduce crime and by helping become the eyes and ears of the City and the Public Safety Department.

Neighborhood Watch is only the beginning. It can be the basis for an ongoing dialogue and cooperative relationship, between you, law enforcement and the Public Safety Department.



# What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among Rosemead residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the community.

Rosemead is asking the community to get involved and participate in Neighborhood Watch to make our city safer. We recognize that we cannot be successful without the partnership between our department and the Rosemead residents.

## **How can I get involved in Neighborhood Watch?**

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement and the Public Safety Department to reduce crime in Rosemead.

The community's active involvement in crime prevention efforts is essential to fighting crime, protecting property, and ensuring neighborhoods remain safe. Through the City's Neighborhood Watch Program you can help your neighbors reduce crime.

## **What does it involve?**

Crime prevention is a job for you and your neighbors because you are the best people to do it. You are encouraged to develop relationships in your neighborhood. You and your neighbors can work together in a program of mutual assistance by organizing groups, holding neighborhood watch meetings, and keeping lines of communication open with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the City. Remember that you are a proactive part of law enforcement.

- Neighborhood Watch does not require frequent meetings.
- Neighborhood Watch does not ask anyone to take any personal risk to prevent crime.
- Neighborhood Watch leaves the responsibility of apprehending criminals where it belongs—with law enforcement personnel.

Our local Neighborhood Watch Program requires the following participation from our community:

- Reporting specific suspicious activity and unsafe situations as they occur.
- Coordinating Neighborhood Watch meetings as needed.
- Assist law enforcement by relaying important crime related information to your neighborhood.

## **How do I join and what do I do?**

It's simple:

To join a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the Rosemead Public Safety Center, at (626) 569-2292 to obtain a Neighborhood Watch Registration Form. The form can also be downloaded from the City's website at [www.cityofrosemead.org](http://www.cityofrosemead.org).



# The Neighborhood Watch Group

- ◆ Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home, at work, or any location where a crime may occur.
- ◆ Trains citizens regarding the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- ◆ Teaches participants how to make their homes more secure and how to properly identify their property.
- ◆ Allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routine so that any out of place activity can be reported and investigated.
- ◆ Creates a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.





## Be An Effective Witness

Suppose a crime has occurred and you are a witness. The deputies respond to the scene and begin their investigation. In order for the Sheriff's Department to conduct a successful investigation, the deputies writing the report need you to be as specific as possible for them to provide detectives with enough information to make an arrest.

Here are some tips on how you can be more helpful:

- ◆ Tell the deputy what happened in chronological order.
- ◆ As soon as the possible, write a description of the suspect(s) including: height, weight, clothing description, approximate age, hair color, and hair style.
- ◆ Get a good description of the vehicle used by the suspect, such as color, make of the vehicle, year, if possible, and a license plate number.
- ◆ Note the time of occurrence and any possible witnesses.
- ◆ Cameras and video recorders are extremely effective tools. Often times, the mere presence of a camera will defuse a tense situation. Remember, people who commit crimes don't want to be caught.

**YOUR SAFETY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE!**

**REMEMBER:** Be a good witness. Not a participant or a victim.



# Reporting Crimes

## When do I call 911?

### ◆ EMERGENCIES

Life threatening incidents such as:

- Traffic accidents with serious injuries
- Person not breathing
- Heart attack
- Persons drowning

Crimes in progress, especially when the victim is in immediate danger or a serious felony has just occurred

- Robbery
- Burglary/Grand Theft
- Rape
- Kidnapping
- Assaults

\*\*When you are reporting an emergency, the desk personnel will dispatch the type of call and location immediately to the field units. They will then continue to ask you for information and relay that information to the field units responding to the location. Let the desk personnel ask the questions. When they are finished you can give them additional information.

**Remember to be patient, deputies are already responding!**



## Reporting Crimes (cont'd)

### When do I call the Sheriff's business line?

- Crimes in progress, the victim is not in immediate danger.
  - Vandalism
  - Petty Thefts
- Suspicious Circumstances
  - Possible crime in progress
- Safety Hazards
- A crime has occurred and significant time has passed. There is no suspect information.
  - Burglary Reports
  - Parties - Loud Music
  - Theft
  - Vandalism
- Non Crimes
  - Keeping the peace
  - Lost of Found Property
  - Abandoned Vehicles

### What information should I have when reporting various incidents?

Location

\*Including: Address, City and Cross Street

Suspect Information

\*Name (If Possible) and physical description

Vehicle Information

\*Make, Model, Color and License Number

Any Weapons

Last Seen Direction

Time Incident Occurred



# Emergency Numbers

## **Temple Sheriff's Station**

**8838 East Las Tunas Drive  
Temple City, CA 91780**

Emergency	911
Business Line/Non-Emergency	(626) 285-7171
Detective Bureau	(626) 285-7171 ext. 3310
Narcotics Bureau	(626) 285-7171 ext. 3370
Watch Commander	(626) 285-7171 ext. 3214
Watch Sergeant	(626) 285-7171 ext. 3212

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Business Line	(626) 569-2292
Rosemead Special Assignment Team	(626) 569-2292
Public Safety Coordinator Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch Program Youth Works Program	(626) 569-2290 ext. 224



# Crime Prevention Tips

## **AT HOME**

- ◆ Install and use door and window locks.
- ◆ Install dead bolts.
- ◆ Use a secondary locking device in sliding door or windows to prevent them from being forced open.
- ◆ Keep all doors locked, including access doors.
- ◆ Keep the garage door closed when not in use.
- ◆ Use security lights to keep the perimeter of your house will lit at night.
- ◆ Install a house alarm with an audible siren.
- ◆ Use a scribe or engraving tool to mark property with an identifying number.
- ◆ Keep a list of serial numbers and photograph rare and unusual items.
- ◆ Draw your curtains or blinds when not at home.

## **VEHICLE SAFETY**

- ◆ Don't leave property in plain view, especially when leaving your car unattended.
- ◆ Use a theft deterrent device like a steering wheel lock or alarm on your vehicles.



## Child Safety Tips

- ◆ Discuss the dangers of interacting with strangers.
- ◆ Have your children fingerprinted and supply them with some type of identification.
- ◆ Teach your children to memorize their address and telephone numbers.
- ◆ Maintain open lines of communication with your child.
- ◆ Get to know your child's friend and their parents.
- ◆ Be aware of where your child is at and their activities.
- ◆ Maintain contact with school teachers or counselors on a regular basis.
- ◆ Providing discipline and structure for your children.
- ◆ Don't be afraid to ask your children about behavior that is out of the ordinary.
- ◆ Make your child accountable for their actions.

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