



## What is Neighborhood Watch?

The Cleveland Heights Neighborhood Watch Program is a collaboration that reinforces the work of the Police Department, Community Relations and Cleveland Heights residents – organized by residents with the assistance of the City. The program encourages neighbors to “**look out for each other,**” which is best achieved by becoming acquainted at regularly scheduled Neighborhood Watch meetings and events.

## Why have a Neighborhood Watch Program?

- Basic crime prevention - Learn and practice crime safety measures that eliminate opportunities for criminals. Work for a better and safer neighborhood through protecting and honoring the rights of others.
- Build a stronger community by getting to know your neighbors.

## How do you start a Neighborhood Watch on your street?

Start by calling the Police Community Response Team at 216-782-3207 or Community Relations at 216-291-2323. Choose a mutually agreeable date for an initial meeting. Invite all of the neighbors on your block to the meeting. Community Relations will be happy to print up flyers (at no cost) for you to distribute. Meetings can be held at City Hall.

## What can be expected at the first meeting?

A member of the Police Community Response Team and a Community Relations Assistant will attend the meeting and give a program overview.

## How do we then proceed?

The Neighborhood Watch/street meetings better educate you and your neighbors about subjects that may be of concern to the group. It works very much like a street association. In addition to regular meetings with specific topics, Neighborhood Watch streets are encouraged to have social events too, such as block parties, holiday get-togethers, street-wide garage sales, etc.

## What should a typical Neighborhood Watch meeting include?

A typical meeting agenda could include:

- Information Sharing
- Define and discuss suspicious activity
- Review when you call 9-1-1 and when you call the non-emergency number.

## What topics might be covered?

Meeting topics could include:

- Safety tips
- Self-defense
- Child Safety
- Fire Prevention
- Observation Skills
- Bicycle safety
- Fraud and con games
- Auto safety
- Holiday Precautions
- Home Security

Take an informal survey among your group and decide which topics are most important and set priorities for which subjects will be discussed. Try involving as many neighbors as possible.

Be sure to send out meeting notices – either flyers, phone (start a phone tree) or by email, once you collect email addresses. Some neighborhoods have their own websites, which neighbors can access for the latest information and updates.

[www.clevelandheights.com](http://www.clevelandheights.com)

the Cleveland Heights website, has helpful safety information and tips. Click on POLICE to take you to the Police website. The Community Relations page also has useful information concerning organizing street associations and block parties and good neighbor reminders.

**For more information,  
call the  
Police Community Response Team,  
216-482-3207  
or Community Relations,  
216-291-2323.**

# A Community Partnership

Cleveland Heights Police  
Community Relations  
You & Your Neighbors

The City of Cleveland Heights has a strong tradition of neighbors uniting for a common purpose – be it social, to discuss specific issues or areas of concern or just to get to know one another.

The Division of Community Relations has worked with many streets over the years to help them to set up street meetings, organize block parties, or establish street associations, which give neighbors an opportunity to work together to solve common problems, have some fun and strengthen a sense of community.

The Cleveland Heights Police Department works to be responsive to residents' needs. The Police, when requested, attend street meetings to hear residents' concerns concerning safety or other problems and to offer advice and safety tips.

The department also sponsors **Meet Your Police** every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The first Thursday of the month it is held at the Police Academy, 2595 Noble Road. Subsequent Thursdays, it is held on the lower level of Cleveland Heights City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. **Meet Your Police** gives residents the opportunity to talk in an informal setting on any topic with a ranking member of the Police Department.

The Neighborhood Watch Program takes it all a step further, working with residents to help them to “look out for each other.”

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