



Long Beach Police Department  
West End Neighborhood Watch Program  
Police Commissioner Thomas R. Sofield Sr.

The following requirements will have to be completed to ensure a successful start to a neighborhood watch program.

- 1 A committed group of people to start the program
- 2 A planning committee must be established
- 3 A list of issues that need attention should be documented
- 4 A means of communicating with the West End residents examples are e-mail, fliers, cellular phones ect...
- 5 A crime prevention officer to be available to discuss crime issues in the neighborhood and train neighborhood watch program members. The West End Neighborhood Watch Program Crime Prevention officer assigned is **Sergeant Richard DePalma 516-705-7323**
- 6 A map of the community with names addresses and phone numbers of all the households.
- 7 Brochures or other materials are to be issued on topics of interest. Eg. Burglary brochures which will be handed out at today's meeting.
- 8 The West End Neighborhood Watch Program should designate those interested block and or building Captains.
- 9 When the minimum number of participants have signed up for the West End Neighborhood Watch Program, watch signs should be posted.

The following suggestions may be taken into consideration concerning a Neighborhood Watch program.

- 1 Seek out neighborhood go-getters and civic leaders to be your advocates and mentors.
- 2 Work with several different agencies such as the parks department and housing authority.
- 3 Start a neighborhood newsletter.
- 4 Have specific objectives.
- 5 Use public relations and activists in your community to enhance the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- 6 Reach out to the community's youths through positive interactions. Eg. Sporting events, festivals, and other public gatherings.
- 7 Encourage teenagers to join the Neighborhood Watch Program. Teenagers can be valuable resources.
- 8 Encourage rollerblading, skateboarding and bicycling during neighborhood watch duties