



CITY OF KING DISTRICT WATCH PROGRAM

The District Watch program was formed to encourage the community to work together to help make our neighborhoods safer. It was one of the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan to End Youth Violence, which was recently prepared by a 23-member community task force and adopted by the City Council. The



City has implemented a wide variety of measures in the plan. However, the key to success is for the community to be involved in reporting information to help the Police Department and implementing crime prevention measures in homes and neighborhoods. The program is organized by City Council districts in order to promote neighbors working together. Each District Watch program is led by the Council Member from that district.

District Watch includes the following:

- City activities are held twice a year to bring residents of each district together to discuss what the City and individual neighborhoods can do to improve safety and/or to promote neighborhood coordination. These activities include meetings, block parties, and other events.
- A representative from each district is a member of the Police Chief's Advisory Committee. The Committee holds regular public meetings to assist the Police Department in implementing new efforts and to review and advise on community concerns and issues.
- A Sergeant and two Officers are assigned to each district to work with residents to identify neighborhood safety concerns and develop recommendations on how best to address them.
- Neighborhoods are encouraged to organize their own activities. City funding is allocated to each district for residents to work together to develop their own ideas on how to improve safety. This funding can be used for communications, newsletters, banners, events, projects, etc. It is intended to be flexible so residents can design efforts most effective to meet their neighborhood's unique needs. The primary criteria is that it has to be used on something that promotes and improves public safety.
- Neighborhoods are encouraged to organize their own block parties and other ways for neighbors to get to know one another so people can work together on improving their neighborhoods and their safety. Organizing a block party is easy. Simply obtain signatures from neighbors approving the party and then submit a Special Event Permit application to City Hall. The City will provide barricades to close off your street and all permit fees are waived for the next year to encourage neighborhoods to participate in the program.



- To determine what district you live in and who your district Council Member is, visit the City's website at www.kingcity.com under "Residents" and "Voting Information" or contact City Hall at 386-5971.
- Contact the Police Department at 385-4848 for more information on District Watch and to find out who your other district representatives are.

King City needs heroes. By working together, we can all be a hero!