

Columbia Neighborhood Watch's ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Columbia Neighborhood Watch is to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime and increasing public safety."

Some highlights were:

- **Update Captains list** – being worked on, but is an ongoing task
- **Continue to improve the Training Power Point** - We have updated the Power Point numerous times and will continue to update as needed.
- **Training sessions** –

We have completed 12 Public training, resulting in 160 new members.
4 Private training, resulting in 100 new members.
For a total of 260 new members.

- **Attend at least one public event.**

We have attended 4 Public events, including National Night Out and will be attending the Ready Festival on Sept 18th.

- **Special events**

Board member have attended 7 Special events this past year.

- **Apply for grants** - Being done. We have applied for 6 grants. We won 3, 1 was denied and we are waiting for answers back on 2 grant requests.

Send Thank You to new Captains/ Co-Captains - Being done, we thank all Captains and Co-Captains each year through our Newsletter. In addition, we have 2 board members that are assigned as Captain Liaisons.

- **Send Newsletter Quarterly** - Being Done

In addition to these goals the Board addressed several other items.

1. Our Budget.
 - A. The City of Columbia, through the Police Department, has given us a “Purchase of Service Contract”.
 - B. We continue to earned the **Better Business Bureau accreditation** and have won the **Torch Award** by the Better Business Bureau. In addition, we have been upgraded to the **Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid** and have earned **accreditation by Charity Navigator**.
 - C. Board member donated their time to the tune of over 4572 hours which calculates out to **\$159,059.88** of in-kind service to Columbia Neighborhood Watch.
 - D. We are continuing with the Email Service
 - a) Has allowed us to contact all of our members.
 - b) Helped us to keep our membership Roster up to date. (We have found the residents are very mobile and a number of members have moved out of Columbia.)

Revenues	
Business Contributions	\$ 484.81
In Kind Donations	\$ 3,868.01
Public donations	\$ 320.00
Misc - interest, etc	\$ 173.26
Gerbes	\$ 102.65
City of Columbia	\$10,000
Total revenues and support	\$ 14,948.73
Reserves funds	\$ 7,051.86
Expenses	
Signs & Brackets	\$ -
Promotional Items	\$ 2,107.00
copying	\$ 200.00
Email services	\$ 364.50
Website & Social Media	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance & general expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Computers & Software	\$ 567.00
Registratio Fees	\$ 44.81
Training Booklets	\$ 3,798.95
Board Shirts	\$ 185.20
Advertising	\$ 100.00
Merchant fees	\$ 18.47
Fees	\$ 11.25
Mail & postage	\$ 120.00
Other	\$ 96.95
Mail Service box	\$ 117.00
Fundraising expenses	\$ 175.00
Total expenses	\$ 11,406.13
Net assets at end of year	\$ 10,594.46
Beginning balance	\$ 7,051.96
Ending balance	\$ 10,594.46
Minus in Kind	\$ 3,868.01
Accual ending Balance	\$ 6,756.45

Board of Directors

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