



YOUR Community, YOUR Neighbors
OUR RESPONSIBILITY
get involved today

Columbia Neighborhood Watch

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SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM YOUR

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD

May you all have a wonderful and safe Holiday.



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A special thanks to our members who serve as Captains and Co-Captains.

It is with your dedication that makes Neighborhood Watch work.



Highlights from Officer Bishop

Four Significant Benefits Of Columbia Neighborhood Watch To The Columbia Police Department

It increases surveillance in individual neighborhoods, to be the “extra eyes and ears” of the Columbia Police Department. You have more knowledge than your beat officer does about what suspicious or out of the norm in your specific neighborhoods.

It enhances communication with the Columbia Police Department, which allows police officers to have better working relationships with the communities they serve.

It allows the Columbia Police Department to train residents for emergencies. Emergencies are going to eventually happen to everyone and can be made worse by being unprepared.

It decreases criminal opportunities, by teaching Neighborhood Watch participants to element the opportunity element for a crime to occur. A criminal must have the desire, the ability, and the opportunity to commit a crime.

Community Policing & Neighborhood Watch

Police and citizens often come into contact with each other for reasons other than criminal investigation. In addition to enforcing criminal law, police officers often engage in community service. Community service may include providing information and/or assistance to people in need, as well as offering youth education and coordinating community outreach efforts.

Crime Stoppers provides a means of communication for members of the public to anonymously provide law enforcement agencies with information on crimes or suspects. Tipster can give information without revealing their identity and may be eligible for a financial reward for the information they provide. For Columbia and Boone County call: (573) 875-8977.

Fund Raiser



Fund Raising Campaign

Help us build a stronger Columbia!

Giving through CoMoGives allows you to help strengthen our community. The 2016 campaign will run December 1st—December 31st. This year we will join 92 other Columbia area nonprofits in this funding drive. We are asking your help in meeting our drive goals and possibly win a \$1000 grant.

Please donate by going online to www.CoMoGives.com.

Choose **Columbia Neighborhood Watch** as your Charity.

Enter your credit card number and amount you wish to donate.

You will receive an IRS-satisfying email receipt for each donation made.

100% of all donations are used for the advancement of Neighborhood Watch in Columbia. We are an all volunteer staff and no one receives any wages for their work.

Columbia Neighborhood Watch is a 501c3 nonprofit that is funded solely by donations and grants from the community.

Nextdoor

Nextdoor permits communities to easily create private websites to help with communication amongst next-door neighbors and build more powerful neighborhoods.

Nextdoor was created based on the idea that the community is among the most important and helpful communities in a person's life. Nextdoor's objective is to utilize technology to help neighbors construct more powerful and much safer neighborhoods.

Go to the below web address to get started:

https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/portal/topics/326546-getting-started?b_id=98

Facebook: Columbia Neighborhood Watch

internet: www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org



Holiday Safety Tips

- 1.) The holidays is a great time to get to know your neighbors -** Step out of your house and introduce yourself
- 2.) Parking lot safety tips for holiday shoppers -** Shop during daylight hours, lock your car, and hide valuables
- 3.) Stay alert of your surroundings when shopping -** Be wary of strangers approaching you and avoid having your hands full (too many gifts and cell phones)
- 4.) Shop with friends -** there is safety in numbers, try not to go alone
- 5.) Tips for shopping with children -** Keep a close eye on kids at all times, teach them who to contact (security or information desk) if you become separated
- 6.) Tips for Shopping Online -** Before providing personal or financial information check the web site's privacy policy and reviews of the site
- 7.) Have a safe place to have items delivered -** Have the items shipped to a friend's or a relative's residence that is home during the day or let your neighbor keep an eye out for the deliveries
- 8.) Keep your home safe during the holidays -** Keep presents out of view as long as possible, lock your doors and windows at all time.
- 9.) Inform a relative or a trusted neighbor of your holiday travel plans -** have them pick up your mail and newspapers
- 10.) Celebrate the holidays responsibly -** Watch how much you drink, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE