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**OUR RESPONSIBILITY**  
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# **Columbia Neighborhood Watch**

December, 2020

**SEASONS GREETINGS**

**FROM YOUR**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD**

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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 your dedication that makes Neighborhood  
Watch work.



## Ways to Protect Your Car During the Holidays

Columbia has seen a 25% increase in reported thefts from motor vehicles from January 2020 to current date compared to 2019. Columbia Police reminds everyone to lock up all of your valuables at night including your car. Try to park in well lit areas and preferably in your driveway if possible. Do not leave any items of value in plain view as this will increase the desire of those willing to cause damage to the vehicle to get inside.

**CPD asks that if you have any home security footage of persons checking your car doors, please contact 311 to help them identify, investigate and prosecute these criminal acts.**

Stolen firearms from motor vehicles has become and is continuing to be a major problem throughout our entire country and specifically in Columbia Missouri. Crime is usually the intended outcome from guns that are stolen.

After all, they're stolen by criminals. Meaning that your gun could be used to hurt an innocent person.. Think about that next time you want to leave your gun in your car.

In fact, everything you can do to make a criminal's job harder, the better off you'll be. **Studies have shown that the harder a target is, the easier it is for the criminal to walk away and look for an easier target.**

This means never leaving a firearm in either a locked or unlocked car. Every single thing you can do to make their lives harder, the better off you'll be in the long run because you won't be one of those statistics. Anything is better than leaving your gun in an unsecured car. Even if you think you live in a safe neighborhood, nothing is guaranteed.

You can't know who is coming through your town, looking for cars to burglarize. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

**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.

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Package theft is high this time of year. It is reported that about 30% of customers have reported that their packages were stolen. To prevent this UPS and FedEx have programs that allow you to re-route packages to your office or another site for pickup. You can even have packages delivered to nearby stores. Another alternative is to have the package delivered to a trusted neighbor who is usually home.

### UPS:

#### **Package theft prevention**

Luckily, there are ways of keeping packages safe from theft. Including: [UPS My Choice](#)<sup>®</sup> and [UPS Access Point](#)<sup>®</sup> programs.

<https://www.ups.com/us/en/services/knowledge-center/article.page?name=how-to-keep-packages-safe-from-porch-pirates&kid=art16a45bd35dd>

### FedEx:

**FedEx Delivery Manager services** help make sure your packages don't go missing.: <https://www.fedex.com/en-us/delivery-manager.html>

### **How to prevent stolen or missing packages:**

<https://www.fedex.com/en-us/delivery-manager/how-to-prevent-stolen-missing-packages.html> - 2020-10-01

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## **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.*

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**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

**#GIVINGTUESDAY**

**December 3, 2019**

Columbia Neighborhood Watch will be participating again this year in the CoMoGives campaign and will kick off on “Giving Tuesday”. Please consider helping us and giving a donation.

The CPD is short handed and needs the community’s help and Columbia Neighborhood Watch is here to assist. Let’s organize more neighborhoods to help the police, make them safer and more cooperative.

A sample comment from a local citizen 10/24/2019:

*“I had never heard about Columbia Neighborhood Watch until a friend suggested I follow them on FB. I am able to see that they are active in the community and care about the safety in our communities. I hope to join a training soon and get the NW started in my neighborhood to make it a safer place to live!”*

But it **cost money** to operate our program. **Please consider a donation** to help us continue our mission. Columbia Neighborhood Watch has no paid staff, so all funds are used to support our mission, especially to train new neighborhoods.

**Where will the money raised will go?**

Crime Prevention and neighborhood safety. Every dollar raised, 100% goes into our program as there are no paid employees, only volunteers.

Examples of what donations will buy:

- \$10 = 10 Neighborhood Watch booklets
- \$20 = 1 Complete Training Folder
- \$40 = 1 Neighborhood Watch street sign

Donations can be made on our website:

[www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org](http://www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org) or by mail to

Columbia Neighborhood Watch  
503 East Nifong #183  
Columbia, MO 65201

## Fund Raiser



# Fund Raising Campaign

## Help us build a stronger Columbia!

Giving through CoMoGives allows you to help strengthen our community. The 2020 campaign will run December 1st—December 31st. This year we will join other Columbia area nonprofits in this funding drive. We are asking for your help in meeting our drive goals and possibly win a \$1000 grant.

Please donate by going online to [www.CoMoGives.com](http://www.CoMoGives.com). [Ctrl - CLICK HERE](#)

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.

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## ***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 web address to get started: [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)

## **Facebook: Columbia Neighborhood Watch**

**internet: [www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org](http://www.columbianeighborhoodwatch.org)**

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**Did you know that you can shop on Amazon and they will donate to Columbia Neighborhood Watch and it won't cost you a dime?**

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). (same products as Amazon)
2. Sign in with your Amazon username & password and Choose Your Charity - [Columbia Neighborhood Watch](#)
3. **Begin shopping!**

Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same as with Amazon. Shop for your favorite products or the perfect gift. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you'll be notified. You can checkout normally as well. **No extra cost is passed onto you**—Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Columbia Neighborhood Watch!

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**Check out charities** at [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) or [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) before giving any money. Make donations directly to the organizations you know .



## Columbia Neighborhood Watch's ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The past year was filled with both opportunities and challenges.

The Coronavirus had a large negative effect on our organization this year. We lost our “Purchase of Service Contract” with the City which was our main funding. The limited in person meeting stopped our training until we implemented the webinar style training.

Some highlights were:

**Update Captains list** - Completed, but is an ongoing task

**Continue to improve the Training Power Point** - We have updated the Power Point in August 2019 and will continue to update as needed.

**6 Training sessions** - have conducted four trainings. two were open to the general public in person and two were webinar trainings.

**Attend at least one public event.**

We had an information booth at the Home Show and Senior Fair.

We attended several public events held by the CPD

**"Speakers Group" to talk to Clubs and Organizations** - We have given talks to several Clubs and Neighborhood associations.

**Work on getting together the information so we may apply for grants** - Being done. We currently have 1 monetary grant and 3 in-kind grants. We have applied for 2 additional monetary grants and are awaiting results.

**Send Thank You to new Captains/ Co-Captains** - Being done, in addition we thank all Captains and Co-Captains each year through our Newsletter.

**Send Newsletter Quarterly** - Being Done

**Reach out to City Council Members to attend and reach out to their constituents to attend Watch Trainings.** Doing - Have had 2 Council Members attend trainings held in their Ward.

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

Our Budget.

As everyone knows we rely on donations which have not been coming in. The City of Columbia canceled our \$5000 “Purchase of Service Contract”

We earned Better Business Bureau accreditation and the Gold Seal of Transparency from Guide Star.

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

Board member donated their time to the tune of 2970 hours which calculates out to \$73299.60 of in-kind service to Columbia Neighborhood Watch.

Revenues	
<b>City of Columbia grant</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>-</b>
<b>Amazon Smile</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>34.91</b>
<b>CoMoGives Fundraiser</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>-</b>
<b>Public donations</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>470.00</b>
<b>Misc - interest, etc</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>5.82</b>
<b>Veterans United grant</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Total revenues and support</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>1,010.73</b>
Expenses	
<b>Signs &amp; Brackets</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>53.20</b>
<b>Promotional Items</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>966.47</b>
<b>Member Booklets &amp; copying</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Email services</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>366.67</b>
<b>Website &amp; Social Media</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>525.00</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Insurance &amp; general expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>861.93</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>3,773.27</b>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>(2,762.54)</b>
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>2,864.89</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>102.35</b>