

WHAT IS THE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL?

The Crime Prevention Council is appointed by the Royal Oak City Commission to promote **Safe Neighborhoods** in Royal Oak.

ROYAL OAK CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

"To promote crime prevention and education. To assist in the development of strong neighborhood associations. To develop neighborhood associations into neighborhood watch groups. To provide a path way to communications from the police department to the neighborhood associations. To provide quarterly public meetings for presentation of current related information and citizen rallies for Crime Prevention."

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights of the annual report, as addressed in the *Chief's Message* include:

- Every patrol car is now equipped with an automatic external defibrillator (AED). Having this lifesaving device on the road, closest to those who need it, will very likely help save lives.
- The police department has a new Crime Analyst/Intelligence Officer. This position has been an invaluable addition to the Criminal Investigations Division.

- The police department partnered with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). By providing an office in the Police Department for an MDOC Field Agent, we have fostered a close working relationship that has helped both agencies. This partnership has directly led to a reduction in the total number of parolees living in Royal Oak from 35 to eight in one year.
- The Royal Oak Police Department will now offer an unlock service to our residents. This free service will be available to any resident who happens to lock their keys in their car.



Royal Oak
POLICE DEPT
Call the non-emergency number at:
(248) 246-3500

If you have an emergency you can dial **911**

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THE CITY OF
ROYAL OAK'S
**CRIME
PREVENTION
COUNCIL**
PRESENTS:

ROYAL OAK **SAFE** NEIGHBORHOODS

FIND THE ANSWERS TO:
WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM
AND
HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN MY OWN NEIGHBORHOOD'S PROGRAM

Crime Prevention is the responsibility of every citizen



Royal Oak
Safe Neighborhoods

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

The Neighborhood Watch Program establishes a formal network for concerned citizens to communicate with other neighbors and police regarding crime related problems. Simply translated, Neighborhood Watch asks us to be the eyes and ears of the police department, to be more involved with our neighbors and their property by becoming more aware and alert to the activity on our block.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Community organizations such as:

- block clubs,
- neighborhood associations,
- neighborhood watch,
- block watch, etc.

all have the same meaning which is...

"WATCH OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR!"

Whatever name you call your community organization, a watch group is the single most valuable activity that citizens can implement.

As we go about our daily routines, we all have the opportunity to casually observe our neighborhoods. Such observations are useful to our community. Watchful citizens can help to keep children away from vacant houses or dangerous properties, report abandoned cars, alert neighbors and police to suspicious persons or activities in the area.

The most important crime prevention mechanisms are also the simplest; Leave your exterior house/garage

lights on from dusk to dawn, lock your home and vehicles. These may seem simplistic but it is important to realize that criminals cannot operate in neighborhoods that refuse to tolerate crime!

The security of our City and its citizens is reinforced by observant and interested people within the community. No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves. Every citizen should consider being a Neighborhood Watch member as a concerned, public-spirited person who observes the neighborhood and reports criminal activity to the Royal Oak Police Department.

HOW TO JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

JOIN AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP!

1. If an individual is concerned about crime in their area, call the Royal Oak Police Department non-emergency number at:
(248) 246-3500
2. Help identify other neighbors willing to participate in this program.
3. Attend the next Crime Prevention Council Meeting at the Royal Oak Police Department.
4. If you live within the boundaries of an existing neighborhood association, attend the next

association meeting and find out if they are participating already. If not, ask why.

5. If you do not live within the boundaries of an existing neighborhood organization you can contact one of the other associations through the city and find out how they got started.

ENGAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Let your neighbors know that you are participating in the Safe Neighborhoods program and that you would like them to participate as well.

Reach out to dog walkers and joggers in your neighborhood and let them know that by default they already are participating.

Build a database of neighbors with names, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Send out weekly notices on things to watch out for and include observations that have been made to show people that this is really not a challenging thing to do.

