

# CRIME is NOT Welcome in Lake Walker

**LW – COP and Neighborhood Watch** is a volunteer network of Lake Walker residents who are working closely with each other and with police to reduce crime in our neighborhood. The members of the Neighborhood Watch and the COP volunteer their time and keep a keen eye on suspicious behavior and patrol the streets of Lake Walker.

Volunteer **LW - COP** members are given maps of the neighborhood and asked to patrol in 1/2 hour shifts that coincide with their schedule. If these members see anything suspicious they will call 911 and report it to the police. • Members do not carry any type of weapons •

Volunteer **Neighborhood Watch** members maintain a “Watch” from the comfort of their home, back or front porch. Some of the volunteer duties may be hosting a COP meeting at their house, telephoning COP members, attending local meetings, and keeping an eye out for crime.

The events and services that the LW – COP and Neighborhood Watch are planning to hold may consist of:

- **Engraving Days** – helping LW residents engrave electronics, and other household goods that could be stolen – this ensures that the property is rightfully yours – and if it is stolen the police will be able to retrieve it quicker.
- **Escorts** – When a patroller spots a resident arriving home late in the dark the car stops and waits until the resident is safely in their home. Residents may even request that a patrol car meet them at an appointed time.
- **Vacation Property Checks** – Patrols give special attention to homes whose owners are out of town.
- **Home Security Surveys** – Both groups – LW-COP and the Neighborhood Watchers will have access to a list of how to protect your home, and can help residents go over the list accurately to help prevent becoming a victim.
- **Bicycle Security ID program** – Bicycles are engraved with identifying information.
- **Mischief Night Patrols** – These are special patrols that fall on certain holidays when there could possibly be more minor crimes committed - like car break ins, vandalism, littering – these nights may have double the number of patrollers out to help prevent this type of activities. We may even have some patrollers on Bikes during these times.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A LAKE WALKER VOLUNTEER – PLEASE CONTACT:

Lisa Sachs • 443.621.3997 or • email: COP@lakewalker.org

**Lake Walker – COP  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – CITIZENS ON PATROL  
INTERVIEW CONTACT SHEET**

**Dear Lake Walker Resident Volunteer:**

The Purpose of this interview contact sheet is to enable coordination of the Lake Walker Community Association's combined Neighborhood Watch – Citizens on Patrol program. Your answers will help us coordinate your volunteer time in a manner that best meets your availability and activity preference.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION: WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU?**

A volunteer coordinator will need to contact you to set up your individual schedule. Please provide below the phone number(s) where you prefer to be reached:

home: \_\_\_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

The best hours to telephone are: Between: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Best days of the week to phone are: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU PREFER TO BE contacted by email instead of telephone?  Yes  No

... if Yes, please write your email address here: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY: HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO PARTICIPATE?**

Some Lake Walker volunteers maintain a Neighborhood Watch from their home, back porch, or garden. Others Patrol via bicycle, dog-walking, or by car.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Please check the ways you would like to help:

- Be a Neighborhood Watch "Blockwatcher". Keep an eye out for crime.
- Be a "telephoner" – phone Lake Walker – COP volunteers to remind them of meetings or special events.
- Host a Citizens on Patrol meeting or Neighborhood Watch meeting at your house.
- Attend meetings for us, such as the Police Community Relations.

**Citizens on PATROL: Please indicate your schedule availability below:**

Which time of day would you prefer to patrol? (please check one or more box):

- Mornings  Afternoons  evenings  "graveyard" shift (after midnight)

Would you prefer patrolling..... (check one)

- weekday hours  weekend hours  can be varied / no preference

Over a 3- month patrol period, how often can you be available to patrol? (check one)

- once every 6 weeks  once every 4 weeks  once every 2 weeks  once a week

**Citizens on Patrol:** Despite the name, "C.O.P."s are not police officers. They are everyday citizens who participate in a citizen **observer** patrol program. This is a volunteer program entirely dedicated to keeping our community safe.

**PLEASE RETURN this completed contact sheet to:**

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