



# COMMUNITY WATCH INFORMATION PACKAGE

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## Welcome to Community Watch

Community Watch is a community-driven initiative designed to help residents take an active role in preventing crime within their neighborhoods. It promotes improved home and neighborhood security, encourages awareness, and fosters stronger connections among neighbors. A well-organized Community Watch engages residents to act as extra eyes and ears for the Fredericton Police Force—helping prevent crime through communication and vigilance.

## What Community Watch Is

Community Watch is led by the community, for the community. The Fredericton Police Force participates as a partner and resource, but the leadership and ongoing operations belong to neighborhood residents. Strong communication—between residents and with police—is the foundation of a successful Watch program.

## Benefits of Community Watch

- Increased safety through collective awareness and timely reporting
- Stronger community connections; neighbors get to know one another
- Improved communication within the neighborhood
- Direct access to important safety information, tips, and statistics from police
- A sense of shared responsibility for neighborhood well-being

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## How to Set Up a Community Watch

1. Initial Contact: A community member contacts the Fredericton Police Force to express interest. [communitywatch@frederictonpolice.ca](mailto:communitywatch@frederictonpolice.ca)
2. Gauge Neighborhood Interest: The initiator speaks with neighbors—door-to-door, flyers, posters, etc.
3. Community Meeting: The organizer hosts a meeting with police to explain the program and select a Watch Coordinator.
4. Select Community Captains: Each Community Captain oversees Watch Members.
5. Launch the Community Watch: Members report suspicious activity to police, then to their Community Captain who notifies the coordinator.

## Communication Tools for the Watch

Effective communication is essential. Communities may use:

- A Facebook page dedicated to the Watch
- Email contact lists
- Printed materials for those without computer access

## Roles and Responsibilities: Watch Members

- Stay alert to suspicious activity during daily routines
- Report suspicious activity to police, then to their Community Captain
- Watch over neighbor's homes when they are away

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## **Roles and Responsibilities: Community Captains**

- Welcome new neighbors and invite them to join
- Maintain and update a list of Watch Members
- Ensure police have been notified of incidents and update the Coordinator
- Serve as the communication link between Members and the Coordinator

## **Roles and Responsibilities: Watch Coordinator**

- Oversee the entire Watch program
- Organize meetings
- Share neighborhood concerns with police
- Relay police updates to Block Captains
- Promote Community Watch
- Provide regular reports to the Fredericton Police Force

## ***Important Reminder***

### **Community Watch Members do NOT:**

- Attempt to apprehend suspects
- Pursue or confront individuals

*Members should only observe and report suspicious behavior to police with as much detail as possible. Do not intervene.*



## Community Watch Process Overview

1. Interest expressed by a community member
2. Contact made with the Fredericton Police Force Community Watch Coordinator
3. Community canvassing to determine interest
4. General meeting (Coordinator chosen, police present, community invited)
5. Formation of the Watch (Coordinator, Community Captains, Members)



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