

How to Get Started

- Organize a meeting and invite a Community Outreach deputy
- Network with any existing organization (HOA, Garden Club)
- Create a communication path (Social Media, Website, Newsletter)
- Recruit members

A deputy from the Community Outreach Unit will guide you in creating your Neighborhood Watch to becoming a successful tool in deterring crime. The Sheriff's Office can offer information about previous criminal activity and crime prevention tips. We also want to introduce you to the deputies who typically patrol your neighborhood.

Contact: Deputy Debbie Sumrall at 205-670-6015 or dsumrall@shelbyso.com

 Nextdoor



SHELBY COUNTY *SHERIFF* JOHN SAMANIEGO



“Hello, I’m John Samaniego, Sheriff of Shelby County. The backbone to a thriving county is an involved community. A neighborhood watch program is the first and most important piece of a community, active and interested in making Shelby County a safe place to live and work.”

Neighborhood Watch

A guide to creating and maintaining a successful neighborhood watch program.



John Samaniego, Sheriff,
Shelby County, Alabama

Deterring Crime

- **Advertise your Neighborhood Watch**
- **Identify “Window Watchers”**
- **Address abandoned property, unsightly homes, or overgrown yards**

WARNING

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



**WE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS
PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES TO THE**

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

205-669-4181

SHERIFF JOHN SAMANIEGO

Maintaining a Successful Neighborhood Watch

- **Organize regular meetings with structured information**
- **Organize block parties and invite your neighborhood patrol deputies**
- **Obtain periodic crime reports**
- **Network with any existing organizations for contacts**
- **Create a user friendly communication platform to keep your members informed**
- **Educate and train members**

Helpful Links

- **www.shelbyso.com**
- **www.ncpc.org**
- **www.crimereports.com**
- **maps.shelbyal.com**
- **www.nnw.org**
- **Nextdoor App**

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