

Cañon City Neighborhood Watch is supported in part by the Fremont County Community Watch Program

In the 1970's, the Neighborhood Watch program was established by the National Sheriff's Association as a way to encourage citizens to get acquainted with their neighbors. The program has since expanded to embrace the concept of an entire community of watch groups—hence the title of this program—Fremont County Community Watch.

Our mission is to make Fremont County a safer place to live and work and toward that goal, we promote and support the concept of the Neighborhood Watch program. A local steering committee comprised of business people, representatives of the criminal justice system, and area residents oversee the program and its activities.

Fremont County Community Watch is a 501c3 non-profit organization registered with the Colorado Secretary of State. In the past, funding for the program was provided in large part by the County Court system. However, funding ceased in 2009 and now the handbooks, flyers, brochures, and other support materials and activities exist thanks to the generosity of private individuals and groups.

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*Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites*

## **For Emergencies Dial 911**

CCPD non-emergency number  
(719) 276-5600

Fremont County Sheriff's Department  
non-emergency number (719) 276-5555

Fremont County Crime Stoppers  
(719) 275-STOP

Colorado State Patrol  
(non-emergency dispatch number)  
(719) 544-2424  
csp.state.co.us

Colorado Department of Transportation  
Road Conditions 877-315-7623  
www.cotrip.org

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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**  
**BUSINESS WATCH**



*Keeping Cañon City a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play*



*Together we can make a difference!*

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**For more information or to set up a Watch program:**  
**Crime Prevention Coordinator**  
**(719) 276-5600 ext. 3917**

# Cañon City Police Department (CCPD)

## Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs

### What is Neighborhood and Business Watch

It's a voluntary program whose goals are for citizens and business owners to make themselves, their families and their homes or places of business less vulnerable to crime and to increase cooperation between them and law enforcement to make their communities or environments safer.

#### A LITTLE HISTORY...

The Neighborhood Watch Program was created in 1972 by the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) as a way to bring together law enforcement agencies, citizens' organizations and individual residents in an effort to reduce crime in neighborhoods.

Since then, communities across the United States have formed Neighborhood Watch & Business Watch groups and have committed themselves to making their neighborhoods and business communities safer. This program is simple and inexpensive, yet highly effective in the fight against crime. The NSA reports communities with active Neighborhood Watch & Business Watch programs show decreased occurrences of burglaries and related crimes.

### Why Start a Neighborhood or Business Watch?

There are a limited number of police officers patrolling the entire city at any given time. Citizens and business owners can become extra eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Communication between you and CCPD will enhance the safety of your neighborhood or business community.

There are many benefits to forming a watch group:

- Get to know the people in your neighborhood or business community better.
- Learn ways to make your family, your home, or business community safer.
- Be prepared to respond to suspicious or criminal activity.
- Help make your entire community a better place to live, work, and play by using a proactive approach to fighting crime.

By forming watch groups, we make it known that criminal activity won't be tolerated in our community, making our homes and businesses less of a target and less attractive to criminals.

### What Does it Involve?

It's actually very simple. There are three main responsibilities of Neighborhood and Business Watch members: **Observation, Communication, and Security.**

1. **Observation** is paying attention to what is happening around you. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and their property as well as your own. Residents and business owners are the best experts on what is normal and acceptable for their neighborhood or business community.
2. **Communication** is simply passing on your observations or information you receive. If you witness suspicious behavior or discover a crime, report it to your local Dispatch immediately. **For emergencies, dial 911.** For non-emergencies call the CCPD at (719) 276-5600.
3. **Security** involves people taking a critical look at their residences and businesses, their habits, their neighborhoods and their communities to ensure the area is not inviting to potential criminals. This includes assessing and possibly upgrading physical security measures, lighting and other features to create the safest environment possible.

Questions? Call CCPD Crime Prevention Coordinator at (719) 276-5600 Ext. 3917