



INTRODUCTION



If you or your loved ones needed assistance or if a burglar was seen breaking into your home, you would want someone to call for help. This is the basis for the Neighborhood Security Watch program—neighbors helping each other. The Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) program is sponsored by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and relies on citizen participation and involvement in a self-help, cooperative battle against crime. Its primary purpose is the protection of our communities.

Because there are more private citizens than officers, it is more likely that you, your neighbors, or others in the community will be the first to see suspicious behavior or illegal activity. Your involvement in the NSW program can make a great difference in keeping our community safe. Thank you for being involved.



HISTORY

The NSW program was introduced in Hawaii by the HPD in 1980. At the time, it was known as the Good Neighbor program and Block Watch program. Since then, it has evolved into the NSW program with hundreds of "watches" across Oahu. Individual watches range in size from 25 to several hundred households actively participating in this community-based security effort.



OVERALL GOALS

The goals of the NSW program are to:

- A. Educate the public about area crime problems and ways to improve residential security;
- B. Implement coordinated, community-based programs to increase awareness and concern for the protection of homes within a given community;
- C. Identify and develop effective measures for the prevention, deterrence, and reduction of specific crimes; and
- D. Strengthen police-community relations.



INITIATING THE PROGRAM

Individuals representing their respective communities may write or call the police district that they live in to request information on how to start an NSW program. An information packet containing flyers, pamphlets, and brochures explaining the concept and mechanics of the program will be sent to the person. After reading the materials, the individual will be asked to take the following steps:

- A. Discuss the contents of the packet with neighbors and determine their interest in the program.
- B. Call the police district and ask for an officer to conduct an NSW presentation. A minimum of 25 attendees is preferred.
- C. At this presentation, the following information will be given:
 1. Literature relating to burglaries, home security, and personal safety;
 2. A brief description of property crimes; and
 3. The benefits and goals of the NSW program and how to start one in your community.
- D. At the conclusion of the meeting and after the officer has left, the group will remain to discuss starting a program and to select a coordinator and one or more block captains.



CONTACT NUMBERS

District 1..... 723-3927
(Central Honolulu)

District 2..... 723-8710
(Mililani, Wahiawa, Haleiwa)

District 3..... 723-8805
(Aiea, Pearl City, Waipahu)

District 4..... 723-8874
(Waimanalo, Kailua, Kaneohe, Kahuku)

District 5..... 723-8230
(Kalihi)

District 6..... 723-3349
(Waikiki)

District 7..... 723-3352
(East Honolulu)

District 8
(Kapolei)..... **723-8411**
(Waianae)..... **723-8411**

If you are not sure which police district you live in, call the Community Affairs Division.
723-3475