



THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ISSUE

Working to create safe, attractive and healthy neighborhoods throughout Central OklahomaSM



ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE, NEIGHBORHOODS MUST FLOURISH. ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS WORKING TOGETHER WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. SINCE 1976 NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE HAS HELPED NEIGHBORHOODS ORGANIZE, COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND WORK WITH CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO CREATE SAFER, MORE ATTRACTIVE AND HEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS.

NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 501(C)(3) DEDICATED TO THE METROPOLITAN NEIGHBORHOODS OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA. IT IS FUNDED BY A MIX OF INDIVIDUAL, NEIGHBORHOOD AND CORPORATE DONATIONS AS WELL AS FOUNDATION GRANTS AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE IS AN INDEPENDENT VOICE CHAMPIONING THE NEEDS OF NEIGHBORHOODS, A RESOURCE TO WHICH NEIGHBORHOODS CAN TURN, AND AN EXPERT ON NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

HOW TO USE 911



Dial 911 in an emergency or to report information to the police. If you are not sure, call 911 and let us determine if the situation requires an emergency response. If we determine your call does not meet the emergency guidelines, we will supply you with the telephone number to call the agency that can provide the services needed.

911 is a phone number that is used to get the police to respond to anything that has to do with safety. **It does not have to be an emergency in progress.** For example, you would call 911 to report an auto burglary that was just discovered

but happened a week ago. 911 can be called free of charge from any phone including a cell phone. The dispatcher (the person answering the call) can quickly see where the caller is and can send a police officer to that location even without the caller giving any information about where they are or what is happening. For example, if someone breaks into your home at night and you are afraid to talk out loud for fear that you might be heard, the dispatcher can send a police officer to your residence to check on your welfare without your even saying a word. Please note, cell phone users must give the dispatcher their location.



Do not call a police station

to report anything that requires an officer to respond.

Please **do not visit a police station or division headquarters to report a crime.** The police stations are staffed by support personnel. **Police Officers** are in the field so they can efficiently respond to calls. **911 is the best way to reach the police** about a crime or suspicious activity.



Some people calling 911 get frustrated when the 911 Call Taker asks more details about an emergency after the basics are given. The frustration comes when the reporting party thinks an officer has not yet been sent to the emergency because they continue to be asked for details about the incident.

The first information you give the 911 call taker is sent by their computer to a dispatcher who dispatches the emergency call over the police radio **as soon as the information is given.** Do not worry when the 911 call taker asks you for more information!

KNOW YOUR PCR OFFICER

The Police Community Relations (PCR) Unit of the Oklahoma City Police Department is made up of a group of specially trained officers whose focus is presenting information to neighborhood associations, businesses, churches, and other groups. To find your division, look at bit.ly/OCPD_divs

Each division has a PCR officer, listed below:

Hefner Division
MSgt. Bob Skalla
robert.skalla@okc.gov
405-316-5035

Santa Fe Division
MSgt. Steve Brackeen
steve.brackeen@okc.gov
405-316-4806

Springlake Division
MSgt. Erick Huff
erick.huff@okc.gov
405-316-5138

Will Rogers Division
MSgt. Michael Lorse
michael.lorse@okc.gov
405-316-4525



OKC POLICE CHIEF BILL CITY

AS I ENTER MY ELEVENTH YEAR AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE I HAVE SEEN SOME AMAZING CHANGES TO OKLAHOMA CITY. THE MOST OBVIOUS CHANGES WE SEE ARE PRIMARILY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREAS OF OUR CITY. EXCITING AS THESE CHANGES ARE, THERE ARE MORE EXCITING CHANGES THAT ARE LESS PUBLICIZED IN MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS... CHANGES THAT OCCURRED BECAUSE RESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE THE QUALITY OF LIFE BETTER FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROUD, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY HONORED TO BE A PART OF MANY OF THE CHANGES BY WORKING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE AND ASSOCIATIONS TO DEVELOP A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH RESIDENTS IN SUPPORTING AND CREATING INITIATIVES THAT EMPOWER RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER. SO FAR THIS YEAR CRIME HAS BEEN REDUCED IN MOST CATEGORIES. WHILE I GIVE A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT TO OUR OFFICERS, I ALSO REALIZE

THAT REDUCING CRIME IS A BROADER EFFORT INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY.

NEXT YEAR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL SEE CHANGES THAT INCLUDE THE GROUND BREAKING OF A NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING JUST SOUTH OF OUR CURRENT LOCATION. THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE 18 TO 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE WILL ALSO BE MOVING INTO THE NEW SOUTHWEST BRIEFING STATION. THE WILL ROGERS BRIEFING STATION WILL BE CLOSED FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS AND OFFICERS WILL BE REASSIGNED TO THE SOUTHWEST STATION. DIVISION BOUNDARIES WILL ALSO CHANGE THAT WILL DIVIDE THE STATIONS CITY-WIDE BY WESTERN AND 10TH STREET...MAKING IT EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC TO IDENTIFY THE DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD OR BUSINESS. SINCE THE NEW SOUTHWEST STATION IS LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY OF WILL ROGERS AIRPORT WE HAVE DESIGNED THE FACILITY TO EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIR SUPPORT UNIT THAT WILL HOUSE OUR HELICOPTERS. THE NEW STATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER CIVIC MEETINGS.

I AM GLAD TO BE A PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE AND TO WITNESS INDIVIDUALS AND NEIGHBORHOODS WHO, ON A DAILY BASIS, GIVE THEIR PERSONAL TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

A WORD FROM THE CHIEFS...

WITH FIRE

PREVENTION MONTH

THIS TIME OF YEAR, WE LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE SAFETY MEASURES THAT EVERYONE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR NEIGHBORS FROM FIRES.

FIRST OF ALL, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE HAS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. WHETHER THAT IS A HOUSE OR APARTMENT, A SMOKE ALARM WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY WARNING OF THE PRESENCE OF SMOKE IN ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU TO SAFELY GET OUT OF THE STRUCTURE. THE MAJORITY OF FIRE RELATED FATALITIES NATIONALLY OCCUR IN THE HOME. OKLAHOMA CITY LOST 11 CITIZENS TO FIRES IN 2012. IN ALMOST EVERY CASE A COMMON FACTOR WAS LACK OF A WORKING SMOKE ALARM. THIS IS INEXCUSABLE AND ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO FURNISH AND INSTALL ONE OR MORE IN YOUR HOME AT NO CHARGE. IF YOU HAVE ONE AND NEED TO REPLACE THE BATTERY WE CAN FURNISH THAT AS WELL.

THIS IS ALSO THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN YOU SHOULD CHECK THE HEATING EQUIPMENT IN YOUR HOME. GAS OR ELECTRIC FURNACES AND ESPECIALLY SPACE HEATERS SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED FOR PROPER OPERATION AND CONDITION PRIOR TO USE.



OKC FIRE CHIEF KEITH BRYANT

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THESE APPLIANCES CONTACT A LICENSED TECHNICIAN TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT.

LASTLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT EVERYONE CHECK AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME FOR ANY POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS SUCH AS DRIED VEGETATION, LEAVES IN RAIN GUTTERS OR ANY OTHER MATERIALS THAT IF IGNITED COULD LEAD TO YOUR HOME BEING INVOLVED IN A

FIRE. USUALLY A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE WILL CREATE AN ADEQUATE PROTECTIVE BARRIER FROM FIRES ORIGINATING FROM AN ADJACENT PROPERTY.

IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ANY SAFETY RELATED CONCERN OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT OUR FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION AT 297-3584. PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND SHARE THIS INFORMATION.

OKLAHOMA'S NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT 2013!
 MORE THAN 70 NEIGHBORHOODS TOOK A STAND AGAINST CRIME
 WITH NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS DESIGNED TO BOOST SOCIAL
 CONNECTEDNESS, INCREASE AWARENESS AND HAVE FUN!



MILITARY PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WAS AWARDED THE \$5000 POSITIVE ENERGY GRANT AT THEIR NNO EVENT THIS YEAR!



IN EDMERE PARK WE BROUGHT THE FUN TO OUR NEIGHBORS, GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR WITH ICE CREAM CONES!



MSGT BRACKEEN OF THE OCPD SANTA FE DIVISION MADE A NEW FRIEND AT SUNNY POINTE HOA



OLD-SCHOOL SONGSTERS LIKE THE "OKIE DOKIES" CAN LIVEN UP AN EVENT



ALL AGES LIKE TO GET OUT AND MEET THEIR NEIGHBORS. GET TO KNOW WHO LIVES WHERE SO THAT YOU CAN REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



ICE CREAM SPEAKS ALL LANGUAGES AT SOUTH WALKER'S NNO EVENT, HELD IN MIKE DOVER PARK



LAKEVIEW'S PET-NET REGISTRATION INCLUDED OUR FOUR-LEGGED NEIGHBORS!

CRIME WATCH:

RESIDENTS DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- ☑ KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE THREE HOMES IN FRONT OF YOU AND THE TWO ON EITHER SIDE
- ☑ REPORT CRIME -CALL 911 TO REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (NEVER APPROACH A SUSPICIOUS PERSON)
- ☑ BE SOCIAL-HOST SOCIAL EVENTS (A SOCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD)
- ☑ WORK TOGETHER- DEVELOP A METHOD OF NOTIFYING FELLOW NEIGHBORS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

CRIME WATCH VS CRIME PATROL

CRIME PATROL:

(OBSERVE & REPORT)- RESIDENTS USE CARS TO PATROL THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

- ☑ KEEP VISIBILITY-EYES ON THE STREET CREATE A SENSE OF SECURITY FOR THE NEIGHBORS
- ☑ KEEP RECORDS- KEEP ACCURATE REPORT LOGS OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.
- ☑ KEEP ROTATION- ROTATE MEMBERS OF CRIME PATROL OFTEN TO AVOID BURNOUT
- ☑ BE A GOOD WITNESS- GIVE AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF PERSON/S INVOLVED IN SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING, CONTACT ASHLEY DICKSON, NEIGHBORHOOD CAPACITY BUILDER
ASHLEY@NACOK.ORG OR (405) 528-6322

← FIND THESE PRINTABLE CARDS ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER "CRIME PREVENTION"

Hello, I am your neighbor!

My Name is _____

Address _____

I work at _____ Work _____

Call us at: _____ Cell _____

Home _____

Emergency Contact _____

Notes _____

If you see suspicious activity at my house
- Call 911 first
- Call me

I will do the same for you. Let me know when you will be out of town
and I will keep an extra watch out for your home.

THERE IS NOTHING MAGICAL ABOUT A CRIME WATCH OR "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" SIGNS. A **NEIGHBORHOOD**

WATCH WORKS BECAUSE OF THE

INCREASED VIGILANCE BY YOU AND

YOUR NEIGHBORS. ONCE YOU MAKE AN EFFORT

TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOU'LL START TO KNOW WHO BELONGS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND BE ABLE TO

RECOGNIZE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND CALL IT IN TO 911. YOU CAN FIND A PRINTABLE COPY OF THE CARD

PICTURED ABOVE ON OUR WEBSITE: NACOK.ORG/CRIME-PREVENTION/CRIME-WATCH-VOLUNTEER-CRIME-PATROL/



WELL-LIT NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE LESS CRIME

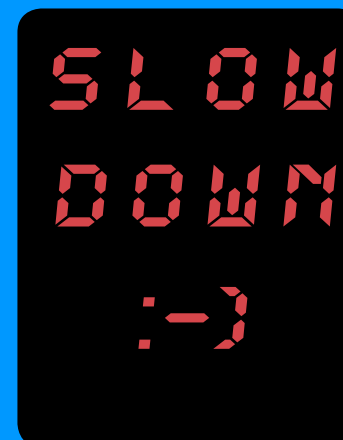
PUSH FOR MORE OR BETTER LIGHTING FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

1. ALWAYS REPORT LIGHTING OUTAGES TO OG&E. THEY HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING A LIGHT IS OUT UNLESS YOU REPORT IT. CALL 272-9741
2. IF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS MORE PUBLIC LIGHTING CALL THE CITY OF OKC **TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION AT 297-2531**. IDEALLY THERE SHOULD BE A PUBLIC LIGHT EVERY 300 FEET.
3. IF YOU ARE APPROVED FOR NEW LIGHTS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CAN CHOOSE TO PAY AN "UPGRADE FEE" AND UPGRADE TO ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING. CALL TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING TO FIND OUT MORE. CALL LARRY POWERS AT 297-2003 OR LARRY.POWERS@OKC.GOV
4. IF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTS ARE 20 YEARS OR OLDER YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE NEW LIGHTING. CALL OKC TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING AT 297-2531 TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER, OR TALK TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL PERSON.
5. ENCOURAGE ALL NEIGHBORS OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO CALL OG&E AND INSTALL LIGHTS ON OUTDOOR UTILITY POLES CLOSE TO OR ON THEIR PROPERTY. THE ADDED SECURITY IS WELL WORTH THE SMALL MONTHLY FEE.

CRIME WATCH OR CRIME PATROL SIGNS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ONCE YOU HAVE A CRIME WATCH TRAINING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (**SEE FACING PAGE**) YOU ARE THEN ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE CRIME WATCH SIGNS AND INSTALL THEM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. SIGNS SHOULD BE PRINTED ON DOUBLE SIDED METAL AND CANNOT BE LARGER THAN 4 SQ. FT.

6. YOU CAN DESIGN ANY GRAPHIC YOU WANT FOR THE SIGN. THEY CAN BE A WELCOMING MESSAGE TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL AS SERVE AS A CRIME DETERRENT.
7. MOST NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE A MAXIMUM OF ONE SIGN PER BLOCK
8. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THE NECESSARY BREAK-AWAY POLES AND INSTALLING THE SIGNS.
9. YOU MUST GET PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF OKC TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION BEFORE YOU INSTALL ANY SIGNS. CALL OKC TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION AT 297-2531 TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER.
10. YOU MUST CALL OKIE BEFORE YOU DIG ANY HOLES FOR THE POLES. FOR MORE ON WHERE TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUPPLIES OR FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON SIGNS GO TO NACOK.ORG/CRIME-PREVENTION/NEIGHBORHOOD-SIGNS/



TROUBLE WITH SPEEDERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? OKC'S TRAFFIC DEPT HAS "YOUR SPEED IS..." RADAR SIGNS THAT YOU CAN USE TO REMIND THOSE NEIGHBORS WHO SHARE YOUR ROADS. CALL THE OKC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AT 405-297-2531 AND ASK ABOUT THE RADAR SIGN PROGRAM TO DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS AND OPTIONS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

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EVERY MONTH, NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
HOSTS A WORKSHOP FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
LEADERS – WHETHER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS
JUST STARTING GETTING ORGANIZED, RE-
ORGANIZING, OR YOU'VE JUST GOT SOME
NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS... THIS IS THE
QUICKEST WAY TO GET UP-TO-SPEED ON WHAT
YOU NEED TO DO, WHERE YOU NEED TO GO AND HOW
YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. SESSIONS FOR BOTH
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