

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Irvine Police Department has as its motto “In Partnership with the Community.”

The Ranch is part of that community.

As you drive around our neighborhood, you see the Neighborhood Watch signs alerting potential law breakers that “we immediately report all suspicious activities to our police department.”

The Ranch Homeowners’ Association encourages our neighbors to form a Neighborhood Watch group around the area where they reside.

Information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch group may be found at the end of this article.

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A Neighborhood Watch program is a group of people living in the same area who want to keep their neighborhood safe by working together with local law enforcement to reduce crime and sustain quality of life. The program provides residents with crime prevention strategies and information to help them identify and report potential criminal activity in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch groups focus on observation and awareness while promoting social interaction and watching out for each other.

STARTING A WATCH GROUP

Below are five simple steps to start a watch group:

- 1) Sign up for Irvine Neighborhood watch interest list at:
<https://city-of-irvine-police-neighborhood-watch-program-cityofirvine.hub.arcgis.com/>
- 2) Talk to and recruit neighbors.
- 3) Plan an initial meeting.
- 4) Develop a plan to maintain communication, connection, and dissemination of information.
- 5) Look out for each other and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.