



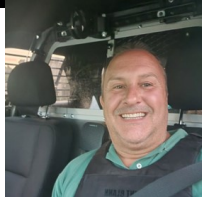
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THE WATCH WORD

Rotonda West Neighborhood Watch
affiliated with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

March 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Early St. Patrick's Day!!! For those driving that night look out for little Leprechauns and those big pots of gold.

Is Your Neighborhood Vulnerable?

Crime feeds on apathy. If people simply "mind their own business," their entire neighborhood is vulnerable. *Is your neighborhood vulnerable?* Take the following test to help determine if your neighborhood is vulnerable.

1. Do you know all your neighbors?
2. Do you watch your neighbors' houses when they are away?
3. Do your neighbors watch your home when you are away?
4. Do you and your neighbors work together on neighborhood problems?
5. If you hear or see something suspicious, do you call the police?
6. Is your active involvement in your neighborhood and community important?

As a Neighborhood Watch member, **you are responsible for being a good neighbor by watching out for others' properties and reporting suspicious activity to the police.** You should know at least the three neighbors across the street from your home, your neighbors on each side, and the three neighbors behind your residence.

No police department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves. They need your eyes and ears.

Every citizen should be a Neighborhood Watch member; get your neighbors to join.... We need concerned, public-spirited persons who watch their neighborhood and report criminal activity.

FACT VS. MYTH

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch areas do not work.

FACT: Working programs reduce crime as much as 80%. Criminals have said that the Neighborhood Watch programs scare them into other neighborhoods.

MYTH: Neighborhood Watch areas are nothing more than a clique.

FACT: Neighborhood Watch groups are for everyone, and everyone gets to take part.

MYTH: To be a part of a Neighborhood Watch group, I would have to drop out of something else.

FACT: Neighborhood watch takes very little of your time; just two hours a month. All you need to do is watch what is going on, report suspicious activity that you see in your area, and attend any neighborhood meetings.

MYTH: The RWA and the Sheriff's Office runs your Neighborhood Watch program.

FACT: Your Neighborhood Watch program belongs to you. We are a separate entity and **ONLY** work with the Sheriff's Office.

Talk with your neighbors, talk with your friends, and ask them to join you in preventing crime. Remember without volunteers, we would not exist.

Being said, we Welcome our newest member-Lee Miller of the Broadmoor/Long Meadow area

Respectfully Yours,
David



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From the Vice President:



MEMBERSHIP

Additions and Deletions for

January 2023

Patrols: 0 additions; 1 deletions

Bases: 1 additions; 0 deletions

Patrol Information for January

There was 0 night without patrols.
There were 2 night with one.
There were 6 nights with two.
There were 17 nights with three.
There were 6 nights with all 4.



January 2022 PATROL INCIDENT REPORT



DATE TIME INCIDENT
Jan 17 8:45 White SUV in Community Park near tennis court. Vehicle appeared to be empty. CCSO called.

Jan 23 9:28 Group of people at Community Park drinking and carrying on at tables. Luggage in plain sight. No vehicles. CCSO responded. Per patrol driver, Sheriff checked IDs. Patrol returned home.

January Incident Report Continued

Jan 28 7:50 Dark Honda sedan tag 72BIRX in Fellowship Church parking lot. Vehicle left when RWNW patrol arrived.

Jan 30 9:35 Patrol reported a black and tan truck with trailer driving around and shining a light inside new homes. Patrol called base who called. CCSO. Deputy responded but did not see vehicle.

**IF YOU
SEE
SOMETHING
SAY
SOMETHING**

**CCSO Non-emergency
phone number:**

(941) 639-0013



<https://www.ccsso.org/>

#9PMRoutine

- ⚠️ Remove valuables from vehicles
- ⚠️ Lock vehicle doors
- ⚠️ Close the garage door
- ⚠️ Close & lock all exterior doors
- ⚠️ Turn on exterior light
- ✅ #9PMRoutine complete



Source: northmiamifi.gov/823/9PM-Routine

**PLEASE
NOTE**

Next In-person General Membership Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 21st at 10am at RWA. If you cannot attend, it will be recorded for you to view at a later time.**