

FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF CHUCK CURRY

NEWS RELEASE



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So far this year, reported to the Flathead County Sheriff's Office...

1100 Suspicious Activity
240 Burglaries
158 Property Crimes

288 Physical Disturbances
180 Drug Investigations
2 Kidnappings

In an effort to better protect the citizens of the Flathead the Sheriff's Office will be offering residents a Community Watch program. The purpose of this program is to provide stronger and safer Neighborhoods. The program uses citizen's involvement to secure their own homes and personal property and to report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

Community Watch will operate to educate participants in the principals of "see it, hear it, and report it, as well as deterrence and detection". The program will depend largely on a communication network organized with three levels of participants – the residents themselves, a block leader (coordinator) and the Flathead County Sheriff' Office.

"Vigilante actions are in no way condoned", says Sheriff Chuck Curry, "and no one is asked to take a personal risk or be a hero. We've had several requests for a program of this type and it's been a year in the making so we're excited to finally bring it forward".

Our first initial Community Watch meeting times will be from 7pm to 9pm at the following locations:

Whitefish Middle School Auditorium - 600 2nd St E Whitefish, MT 59937 NOVEMBER 12th

Bigfork Middle School - 600 Commerce Street Bigfork, MT 59911 NOVEMBER 13th

Columbia Falls High School - 610 13th Street West Columbia Falls, MT 59912 NOVEMBER 14th

Northwest Montana Assoc. of Realtors Office – 110 Cooperative Way Kalispell, MT NOVEMBER 15th

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