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Neighborhood Watch Program

- Four major parts to program
  - Set up program
    - Member list / Phone tree
    - Map of community
    - Select Captain
  - Operation ID
  - Environmental Design
  - Quarterly meetings

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Neighborhood Watch Program

- Once up and running the program will:
  - Allow neighbors to work together on solving problems
  - Neighbors will watch out for neighbors
  - Suspicious activity will be reported
  - Make you and your property less of a target
  - Reduce crime in your neighborhood
  - Can improve property value

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Neighborhood Watch Program

- Started in Colonial America
  - Town watch
- March 16, 1964 Queens New York
  - Kitty Genovese murder
- National Sheriff Association
  - 1972 Obtained funded
- Little Johnny

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Neighborhood Watch Program

- If you know your neighbors first name, you are much more likely to call 911 to help them
- If you know your neighbors' habits, you know what is suspicious and what is not
- Do for your neighbor what you want them to do for you
- This is your neighborhood

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Why do we need Neighborhood Watch

Why can't the Police handle it

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Why do we have a Neighborhood Watch

- There are approximately 178,000 citizens in the unincorporated part of the county
- There are 126 Deputies and the Sheriff
  - 10 administrators
  - 12 detectives
  - 14 Sergeants
  - 11 Specialty Deputies, CRO, SRO, civil service
  - 9 K-9 and Traffic

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Why do we have a Neighborhood Watch

- That leaves 71 deputies for Patrol
- 24-hour business
- Positions not filled, light duty
- 9-12 months, minimum, training process
- Sick, training, vacation days
- That gives us 6-10 deputies patrolling at any one time to answer the 85,000 calls for service we received in 2022

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So the question is not why we need neighborhood watch it is how can we live without it !!!

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Now that I have convinced you that we need your help here is what you can do

We need you to be the eyes and ears for us, so we can swoop in and catch the bad guys

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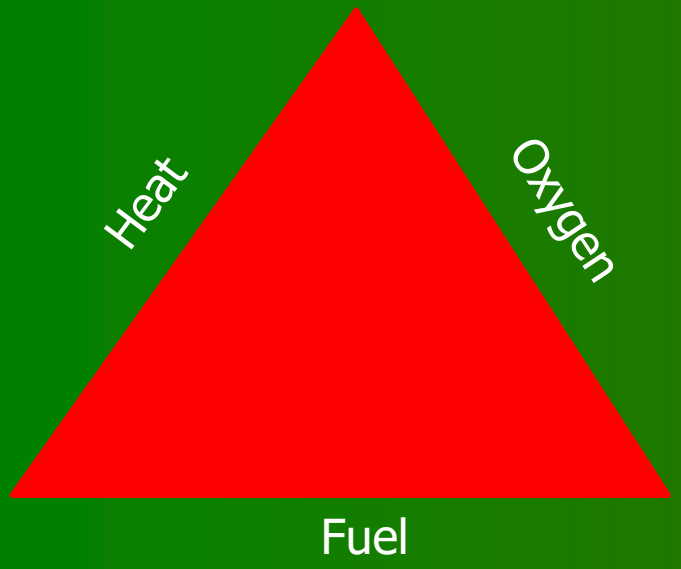
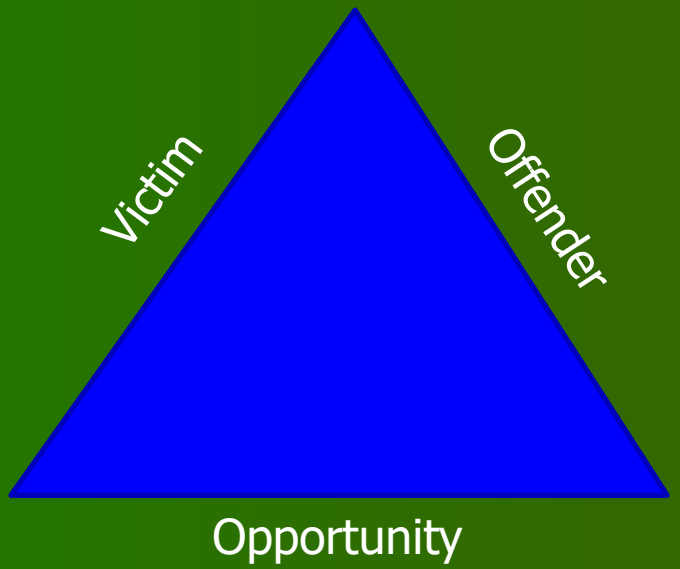
Crime Prevention



Victimization Triangle



- Community partnerships to solve problems

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Statics

- Crime types
  - 78% victim is society or property crime
  - 12% DV/Harassment/ simple assault
  - 10% More serious crimes

- Crime odds
  - National 10% of residents are victimized annually
  - 4.7% of Kitsap residents report a crime annually

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Mail Theft Prevention

- Pick up your mail daily
- Do not use your street mailbox to mail items out
- Have packages delivered to your work, a friend's house, that is home to receive it, or neighborhood delivery point
- Transfer all your bills to online statements and payments
- Have a locking mailbox
- Get a PO Box

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Vehicle Prowl Prevention

- One simple rule
- Leave <u>NOTHING OF VALUE</u> in your car !
- Not in your driveway
- Not at the store
- Not at work

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Operation ID

- FBI stats are 85% of stolen items taken in burglaries are never recovered
- Record Serial numbers to valuable items
- Engrave items with no serial number
- Take photos of items
- Put up signs and stickers
- Update list every 3 to 6 months

- High theft items are jewelry and small electronics

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Environmental Design

- Neighborhood watch works because neighbors care enough about each other to call 911
- What would you expect your neighbor to do for you

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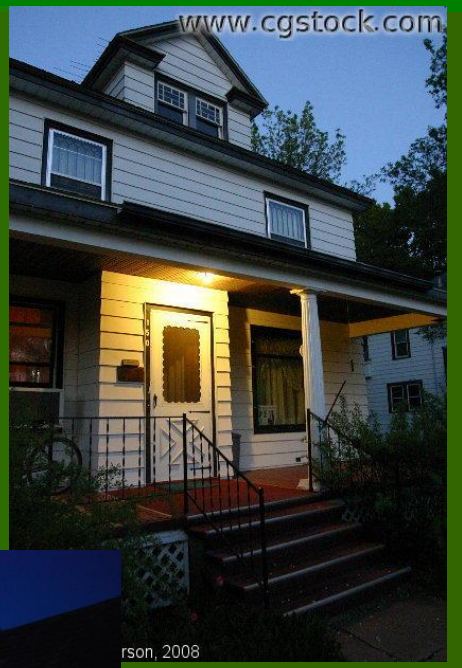
Environmental Design

- Lighting
  - Light up house numbers
  - One ambient light on all night
  - Motion light by car



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Environmental Design

- Landscaping
  - Trees trimmed up to 7 feet
  - Bushes trimmed down to 3 feet

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Environmental Design

- Landscaping
  - If your neighbor can not see your house, how can they help protect it.
  - Conversely how can you watch out for neighbors

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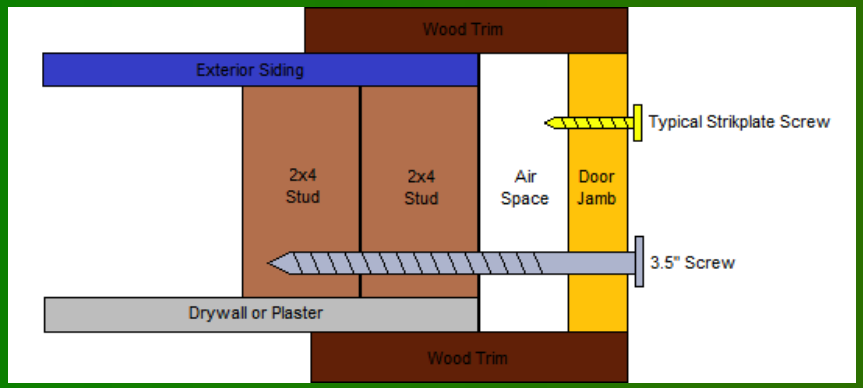
Environmental Design

- Doors



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Environmental Design

- Doors
  - Always lock doors
  - Don't have hide-a-key
  - Install dead bolts and use wood dowels in sliding doors
  - Four-screw strike plates with 3-inch screws into the studs

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Environmental Design

- Windows
  - Lock windows
  - Wood dowels in horizontal windows
  - Auxiliary track locks for vertical windows

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What do we need to do to start the program

- Get contact list
- Make map
- Complete Operation ID
- Implement Environmental Design
- Update home security

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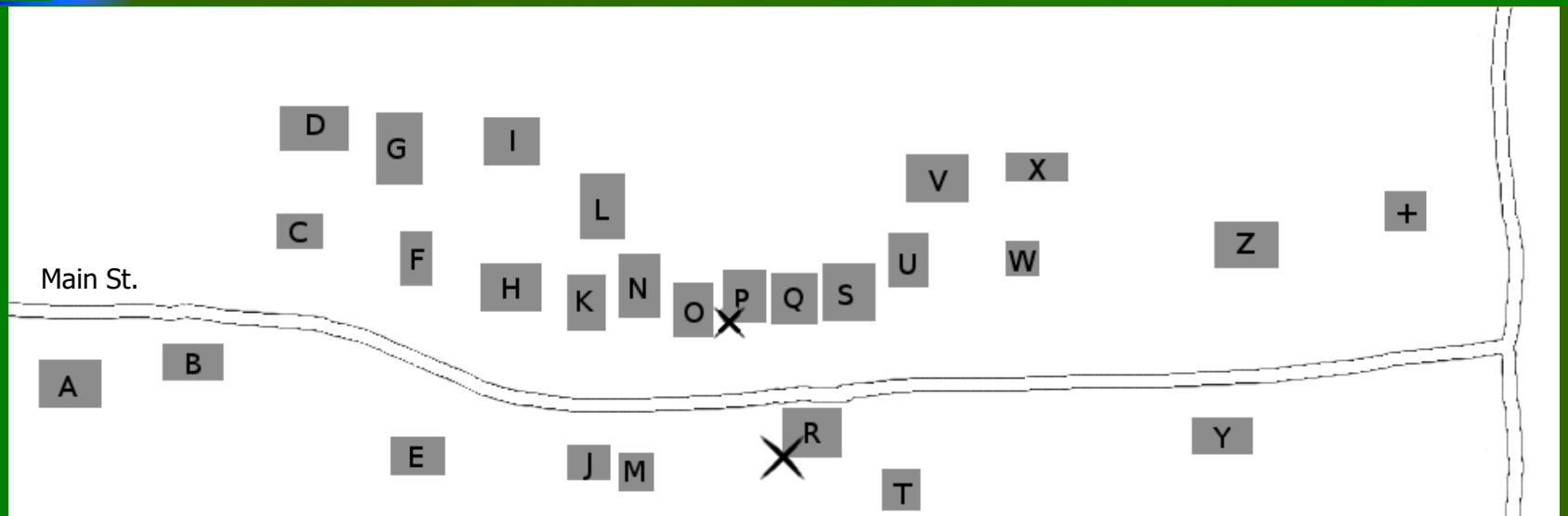

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Map

- Must have:
  - Address
  - Phone number
  - Name
- Can add
  - Gas and water cutoff
  - Gathering site
  - Care center

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Emergency Management

-Map Your Neighborhood

- In case of a disaster, you may need to depend on yourself and your neighbors for a while
- Contact DEM for more info
- www.kitsapdem.org

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Now that you are set up you can get your street and house signs

Now what should you do if you see something suspicious

What is suspicious enough to call 911

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Observation Skills

- What does suspicious mean
  - Any incident, event, individual, or circumstances that are unusual or out of place
- What do I do
  - Call 911
    - There is NO non-emergency number in Kitsap County
    - Online reporting
  - Call neighbors on phone map
  - Be a good witness
  - Do not get involved

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Observation Skills

- Call 911
  - Call receiver vs. dispatcher
  - Answer questions in order
- Give exact location
- Give good description of suspect and vehicles
- Describe the crime being committed
  - Trespassing, Prowling vehicles, Theft of mail, ect…
- Activate phone map
- Be a good witness

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Observation Skills

- Solvability ratio
  - How long ago did it happen
  - What is the crime
  - Who am I looking for
  - Where am I going
  - What is the level of crime compared to other pending 911 calls
    - Better to let 10 guilty men free than convict one innocent man

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Ice Black Box

- Free mobile app
- Video record to deter or detect and report crime-
  - Prevent a crime for happening by recording the suspect
  - Document a crime and save it for evidence
  - Uses GPS and date time stamp for added evidence
- Records to the cloud so it can not be deleted
- Will text your ICE contacts a link to the video
- Neighborhood watch captain can view videos

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Commonly asked Questions

- Do alarms work
- My house is protected by .357
- Does having a dog help
- Video surveillance systems

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Problem houses

- DCD
- Health Department
- Community Resource Team team
- Neighborhood watch!!!
- Call 911

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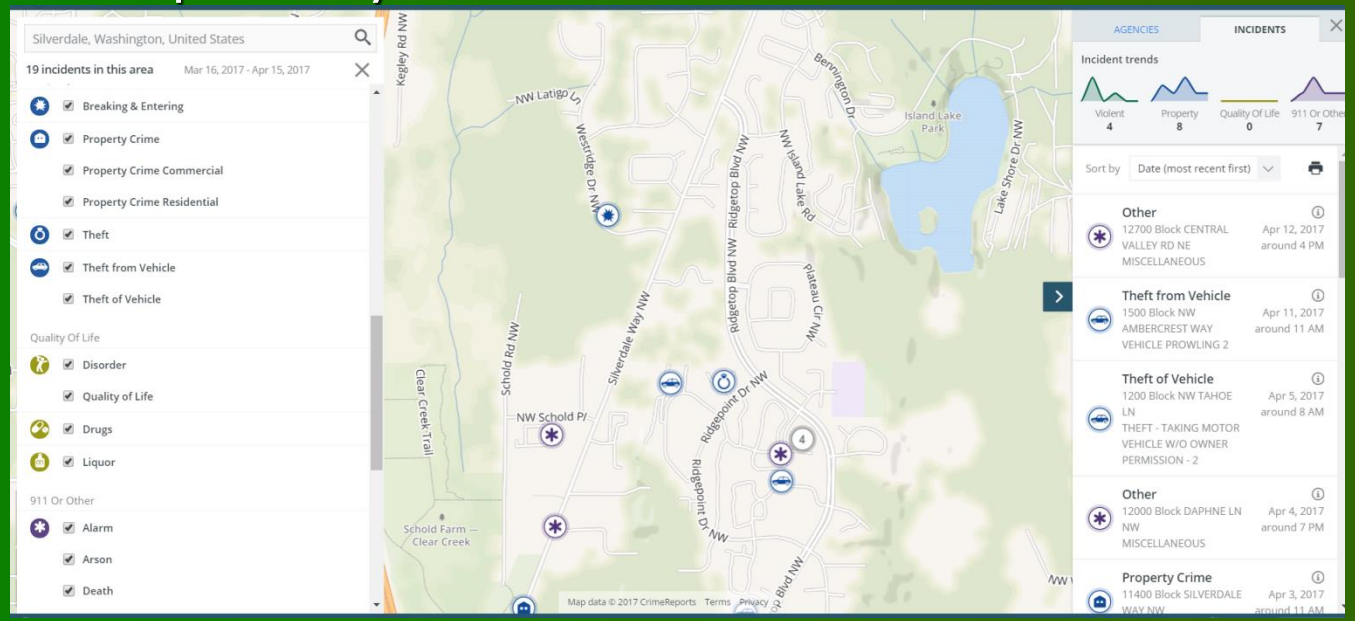
- Stats in your neighborhood
  - www.kitsapsheriff.com
    - Click on the map at the bottom
    - Can make a neighborhood and receive emails on reports in your area