

Dear Neighbor,

The crime problem in our nation is both costly and demoralizing. Directly or indirectly, we are all affected by crime whether you have been personally violated or it has happened to someone you know. Crime in our community causes injury, financial loss, intimidation and fear.

These situations demonstrate vividly the need for empowering the community to get involved and assist in crime prevention and reporting.

This community based crime prevention program is a simple and proactive approach toward protecting our community from criminal attacks. The Black Mountain Police Department stands ready to assist and support you with this program.

Again, I welcome and appreciate your efforts toward making our Black Mountain Community a safer place to live, work, play and visit.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pressley,
Chief of Police

Honor♦Integrity♦Professionalism

Mission Statement

The Black Mountain Police Department, in partnership with our Community, provides impartial, ethical, and professional law enforcement service and protection. Through open communication, we strive to build upon the trust and confidence of our citizens and to all those who may visit, work in, or travel through our Communities. We are committed to protect life, property and improve the quality of life without prejudice or bias, with respect for the rights of all people, to assure a safe and secure environment for all.

BLACK MOUNTAIN
POLICE DEPARTMENT



COMMUNITY WATCH
PROGRAM

106 Montreat Road
Black Mountain NC 28711

Emergency Dial 911
Non-Emergency 419-9350

A Community Watch group can be the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement.

Community Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime and victimization in their communities. It involves:

- Residents using common sense crime prevention practices to protect themselves and their property
- Neighbors getting together in programs of mutual assistance to prevent crime
- Residents being trained to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhood

A Community Watch is not:

- A vigilante group
- Residents pursuing criminals or becoming physically involved in the criminal event
- Taking the law into your hands

Why Start a Community Watch?

Police officers cannot be everywhere, so community involvement is essential. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community. By cooperating with each other and the

police, you can help reduce crime in your community in the most effective way -- by **preventing** it.

Why do residents mobilize?

Residents may come together for a number of reasons:

- To get something done about an immediate problem
- To problem-solve on issues and achieve future goals
- To gather resources for community needs
- To improve the quality of life in their community

What does a Community Watch look like?

Community Watch areas do not all look the same. Some Community Watches are defined geographically, while others may be defined on the basis of a common interest the members share. The basic structure of a Community Watch involves a Watch Captain, Block Captains, and members.

It's Time to Stop!!!

Break-ins ♦ Burglary ♦ Vandalism

Community Watch Meeting

Where: Public Safety Building,
106 Montreat Rd.
Black Mountain NC 28711

When: TBA Specific to
community need

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Officers from Black Mountain Police Department will meet with and discuss various ways to secure your property and how we as the community and police can work together to protect your neighborhoods.

Please try to attend.

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