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Neighborhood Watch Program
"We Call The POLICE"

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Agenda May 6, 2025

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To Report an Incident
Emergency Situations call 911
Non-Emergency Situations call 816-325-7300 or 816-836-3600

1) **Welcome and Roll Call**
   a. Get a head count – please sign in
2) **Current Police Department News – Discussion**
   a. Officers patrol car hit on I-70 last week – one hit earlier this year too
   b. Suspect in KCPD from Independence – long history with us
   c. Been going out with codes, water pollution control and others for clean ups around city
   d. Just finished the spring Citizen Academy last week – all who started completed it
3) **Annual Registration**
   a. Please complete it if you haven't. Need it each year to be considered an official group – some have been coming in
   b. Requirements need to be met to get a sign and then maintained
   c. Neighborhood Watch signs – approximately $100 - $125 per additional signs – 5 ordered from sign department so far
4) **Current Crime Trends**
   a. Stolen Autos/Theft from Auto
      i. Lee's Summit area – thefts from vehicle at Adair Park / Cracker Barrell – some were unlocked vehicles – easy targets
      ii. Hotels still have cars stolen from them and having stolen auto dumped there
   b. Thefts
      i. Wire continues to be stolen throughout different parts of city – find insulation at camps and abandoned buildings where it's been stripped
      ii. Storage unit thefts around 291 mentioned throughout the month

    c. Scams
- **i.** Still getting reports about people calling or texting – scam messages – do not respond to them – warrants from IPD and they must be paid now
- **ii.** Suspicious emails – example - PayPal link clicked on it, gave remote access to someone, took $7200 from them and converted to Bitcoin

    d. Abandoned houses/businesses
- **i.** Went with codes, dangerous buildings, animal control to evict and cleared yard – will be meeting as group to streamline process to make it easier for all groups to get together on these properties
- **ii.** Please call dispatch to report suspicious activity
- **iii.** Secure as good as possible – struggle to keep secure because get pulled down
- **iv.** People will break in to steal copper, wiring or anything they can get hands on
- **v.** Or looking for a place to stay because of the weather – should start getting better

    e. Package Theft
- **i.** You can go to https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action and see every piece of mail you will be getting delivered

5) Neighborhood meetings/block parties
    a. Give plenty of notice on request for officers (3 Weeks Minimum)

    b. Please fill out a form and/or email us with your request
- **i.** Include date, time, location, number of people attending, and topic you would like covered (We will do our best to accommodate special displays pending calls for service and special operations)
- **ii.** If you're wanting a road blocked, then a Special Permit Application needs to be filled out (45-day notice)

6) Upcoming Meetings for 2025
    a. First Tuesdays of every month –June 3rd and July 1st

    b. If the weather becomes an issue, we may need to cancel or reschedule

7) Resources
- **i. Action Center:** www.indepmo.org/ActionCenter.Public
- **ii. Facebook:** www.facebook.com/ipdinfo
- **iii. Twitter:** www.twitter.com/ipdinfo
- **iv. IPD Web Pages:** www.indepmo.org/ipd
- **v. Crime Reporting Info:** www.raidsonline.com aka www.communitycrimemap.com
- **vi. Crime Prevention Info:** www.indepmo.org/IPD/CrimePrevention
- **vii.** Home Camera registration with the Department https://independencemo.citysourced.com/servicerequests/create

   (Select Public Safety Concerns as the Report Type & Log in or Create Account)

- **viii. Neighbors by Ring:** Text Independence pd to 555888 they will send a link to download and set up
- **ix. Neighborhood Watch Facebook group: "**Neighborhood Watch Groups of Independence" – Gives Captains an opportunity to share information with other Captains throughout the city.

8) What's going on in your neighborhoods??