



Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

Education and involvement are the keys to crime prevention.

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Does your Neighborhood have an Association?

Neighborhood associations offer an excellent opportunity for citizens to participate in issues that affect them and their families. They encourage us to get to know who lives around us and create a network to resolve issues. They also allow us the opportunity to work together to create projects specifically tailored to our individual neighborhoods.

Associations endure because they have developed purpose and goals beyond opposition and reaction to a crisis. They have focused on beautification, neighborhood cleanup, preservation, redevelopment, parks, social activities or other objectives, which reflect an ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life within our neighborhoods. When we create an Association to respond to a specific occurrence the original cause will soon dissipate and the Association will eventually go the same way.

We hope that you will seriously consider forming a Neighborhood Association and that the information the Crime Prevention Office can provide will be helpful. While your initial interest in forming an Association may be sparked by some specific issue, we hope you'll consider some broader neighborhood and community concerns which will enable your organization to remain active and productive for many years.

Making an early effort to involve as many of your neighbors as possible so as to truly represent your neighborhood is very important: it will provide a cross-section of interest, talents and resources, good public relations for your Association and your neighborhood, and will be the best source of enthusiastic and energetic members and volunteers.

Contact our office at 706-225-4615 for more information on starting an Association.



S.A.L.U.T.E.

Careful documentation of an ongoing crime is crucial for law enforcement. The S.A.L.U.T.E. method can help you remember all the necessary items to document. 1) The "S" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **SIZE**. How many people were involved? 2) The "A" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **ACTIVITY**. What were they doing? 3)

The "L" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **LOCATION**. Where did the crime occur? 4) The "U" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **UNIFORM**. What were they wearing? 5) The "T" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **TIME**. What time did the activity occur? The "E" in S.A.L.U.T.E. stands for **EQUIPMENT**. What were they driving? What were they carrying?

This system can help you get the correct information on paper when you are nervous or anxious about what you are seeing. When we are nervous we tend to forget certain facts. Using a system like the S.A.L.U.T.E. method can help you keep focused.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY
9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY
(706) 653-3232

SHERIFFS OFFICE
(706) 653-4225

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
(706) 653-3173

CRIME STOPPERS
(706) 653-3188

CITIZENS SERVICE CENTER
3-1-1

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