



HISTORY OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

National Neighborhood Watch began in 1972 with funding in part by the National Sheriffs' Association, through a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Since 1972, the National Neighborhood Watch Program (housed within the National Sheriffs' Association) has worked to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens in a nation-wide effort to reduce crime and improve local communities. The success of the program has established Neighborhood Watch as the nation's premier crime prevention and community mobilization program. Visible signs of the program are seen throughout America on street signs, window decals, community block parties and service projects.

Neighborhood Watch is a community crime prevention program aiming to enhance safety and quality of life in neighborhoods. Citizens act as the "eyes and ears" for law enforcement rather than taking direct action when observing suspicious activity.

The Solera Neighborhood Watch (SNW) program is part of this national organization. and is independent and not a club or committee. Solera Neighborhood Watch is self sufficient and does not receive any funding from the Solera HOA. However, it does receive support in terms of materials and advice from the National Neighborhood Watch and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Our motto is *“Neighbors helping Neighbors.”* Solera Neighborhood Watch gathers and shares information on safety issues and tips on how to remain safe. SNW collects this information from a variety of sources both within and outside Solera and encourages Solera residents to share real world advice. SNW also shares verified information on incidents and alerts in the neighborhood. This information may come from our block captains, published Police Reports or directly from residents. Sharing this information may help residents as they reside in the Solera community.

BENEFITS

There are obvious benefits Neighborhood Watch volunteers and their communities have experienced throughout the years such as:

- a reduction in crime
- a better quality of life
- a greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control
- building community pride and unity
- preparing for helping others and ourselves in our community
- providing law enforcement agencies with volunteer support year round
- becoming the extra “eyes and ears” of law enforcement in Solera at Stallion Mountain

SOLERA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Solera Neighborhood Watch is to provide residents with a liaison (Block Captain) to whom they can report suspicious activity. Block Captains also keep residents informed of crime related incidents in the community. A secondary mission is to work toward creating a safe and secure environment for all residents.

GOALS

1. To work toward helping make and maintain Solera as a safe and secure community.
2. To offer residents a liaison (Block Captain) to discuss and report suspicious activity in the community and other safety and security concerns.

3. To inform Solera residents via Block Captains of pertinent safety, security, and crime information within Solera.
4. To conduct timely safety and security events for the community such as Security Fairs, visits by police officers and crime specialists and more.
5. To maintain an up-to-date roster of Solera Block Captains and residents by block.
6. To recruit additional block captains with the aim of having every block in Solera have a block captain.
7. To increase community awareness, help enhance individuals' power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors to reduce crime.
8. To develop a neighborhood action program where neighbors help each other by watching each other's home and reporting suspicious activity.
9. To offer residents resources to help them make their home more secure. (Most crimes are opportunistic and can be reduced or removed by simple crime prevention techniques).
10. To help educate residents about safety and security.
11. To communicate information regarding all safety and security issues through the Solera Today webpage and the Solera Independent Facebook.

Our Neighborhood Watch is served by two co-coordinators and a Block Captain for each of our 29 streets (although at this time, there is still a need for Block Captains).

Block Captains do not need to live on the street they serve, although it is preferable.

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WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?

Suspicious activity is any individual, event, incident or activity that seems unusual or feels out of place or feels uncomfortable.

To eliminate **A TARGET**, residents need to improve their own security weaknesses.

To eliminate **AN OPPORTUNITY**, residents need to be the eyes and ears of the community and report to police and Neighborhood Watch Block Captains when necessary.

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To eliminate **DESIRE**, the community and its residents need to be an undesirable place for a criminal.