

Neighbors who know each other look out for each other. Research has shown that a lot of the old school “neighborhood watch” groups weren’t effective at preventing crime, however the ones that were successful, had a few things in common:

1. They kept in contact with one another, even in times of low crime, like we have in our city.
2. They knew what was typical for their neighborhood and what wasn’t.
3. They knew when and how to get in touch with the police.
4. They knew there is no such thing as suspicious people, but there are suspicious behaviors, and those suspicious behaviors should be reported to the police right away. A connected community is a safe community.

We invite you to become part of the Community Watch Team partnership.



Together we can make a difference. Residents invested in their communities help make safe neighborhoods. The police department is excited to partner with the public in keeping our communities safe through the Community Watch Team. Whether it be reporting a crime tip online, calling 911, deciding to register your external video security system or staying “in the know” about things going on in your neighborhood, we appreciate your involvement in keeping our communities safe. Each person’s actions really do make a difference. Thanks for becoming part of The Coon Rapids Community Watch Team!

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COON RAPIDS COMMUNITY WATCH TEAM



**A program of the Coon Rapids Police
Department dedicated to public/police
partnerships, designed to keep the
community safe.**



Community Crime Map

Be in the know about what is happening in your neighborhood. View our Community Crime Map online at www.coonrapidsmn.gov/CrimeMap. You can also sign up for automatic crime alerts specific to your neighborhood through this program.

Report a Crime Tip

If you see a crime in progress or need an officer response, always call 911, for both emergencies and non-emergencies (barking dogs, noise, illegal recreation fires, etc.). If you wish to report a crime tip online, visit www.coonrapidsmn.gov/CrimeTip. Simply fill out the online form and it will be submitted directly to our police department.

Community Camera Program

Do you use an external video security system or a doorbell camera at your home or business? If you do, we invite you to register for the Community Watch Team's Community Camera program.

What is Community Camera? It's a voluntary police/community partnership with homeowners, renters, and business owners intended to let our officers know where cameras are active in the city in case a crime occurs. It will not be used for active police surveillance and officers will not have direct access to anyone's camera. If crimes occur nearby, you may not always know that your system could have captured information that could be critical in solving a crime.

Those who register may be contacted and asked if they are willing to help out if a crime occurs in the vicinity of the camera. Information provided by residents and businesses will be maintained in a secure database.

Participants will be provided with a sticker that can be placed on their door or window to help deter crime and let people know you are a proud Community Watch Team member.

Register your video camera system when you sign up to be a Community Watch Team member.

Stay "In the Know"

Want to stay up-to-date on crime prevention tips and information from the police department? Follow the Coon Rapids Police Department on Facebook or Twitter, and join your neighborhood's Nextdoor group.

Night to Unite

This national annual event helps neighbors get to know each other, and connect with members of the Coon Rapids Police and Fire Departments. Knowing your neighbors makes for safer communities as people help to look out for each other. The event occurs the first Tuesday in August each year. Neighborhoods register their parties online, receive helpful party tips and can request visits from the police or fire department. Each year over 100 neighborhoods in the city participate in this event. If you have never had a neighborhood gathering, we encourage you to get involved!