

Meeting Date: 8/10/2010



Agenda Item # 8-A

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Department Director: _____
City Manager: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ordinance First Reading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Discussion & Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ordinance Second Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> | Council Approval |

Subject: Community Watch Program

BACKGROUND: Neighborhood watch is one of the oldest and well known crime prevention programs in the United States. Neighborhood watch groups are essentially comprised of citizens in subdivisions, apartment complexes or live on the same streets that share the common goal to make their neighborhood safer by teaming up with local law enforcement. The department participates in eleven neighborhood watch groups which have organized between 2005 and 2010. Some law enforcement agencies have supported a concept of a community group rather than the traditional smaller neighborhood groups. This concept would provide for neighborhood watch members to participate in monthly meetings providing for an informed and active citizen base. It will also provide citizens who live within a neighborhood that demonstrates little or no interest in forming or sustaining a formal neighborhood watch group an option to participate in a crime prevention program. The community watch program may compliment those neighborhood groups who wish to maintain their program for their individual and unique needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends the Council support a monthly community watch program.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Staff would be attending one meeting versus multiple meetings per month.

Reviewed by City Attorney _____
Reviewed by Finance Dept. _____
Reviewed by: _____

1st Discussion Date: date.	2nd Discussion Date: date.	Third Discussion Date: date.	Other Dates: date.
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