

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ Ask your neighbors if there is a neighborhood association and how you can get information.
- ✓ Get to know your neighbors! Form a Neighborhood Watch group!
- ✓ Every participating Neighborhood Watch groups can deter crime by placing a NHW decal in their window. Show unity that you and your neighbor will call the police if you see any suspicious activity.
- ✓ To really reduce crime, it has to be a strategic team effort between the police and the involved citizen.
- ✓ Contact the Palo Alto Police Department to start a NHW in your neighborhood.

For more information, contact the Palo Alto Police Department's Neighborhood Watch coordinator:

**Susie Ord, 650.329.2632**  
[Susie.Ord@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Susie.Ord@cityofpaloalto.org)

## Palo Alto Neighborhoods, Block Preparedness Coordinator Program

Working in partnership with the City of Palo Alto.

Another level of participation in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Learn more by contacting: Al Dorsky 650-494-2923,  
[adorsky@yahoo.com](mailto:adorsky@yahoo.com)  
[www.paneighborhoods.org](http://www.paneighborhoods.org)

### P.A.N.D.A. Trainings -

[www.cityofpaloalto.org](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org) Emergency Information, PANDA

### Check out these websites:

[www.paloaltoonline.com](http://www.paloaltoonline.com)

[www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org)

<http://www.ncpc.org/>

[www.papd.org](http://www.papd.org)

(Community Involvement and Crime prevention Tips)

**If you see or hear anything suspicious, call 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY to tell us.**

Your information may help us find criminals and make arrests.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**YOU ARE OUR EYES AND EARS!**

Neighbors working together to keep your homes, children and neighborhood safe.



Palo Alto Police Department  
275 Forest Ave. | Palo Alto, CA | 94301  
650.329.2406 (Information)  
650.329.2413 (non-emergency, 24/7)  
Email: [pd@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:pd@cityofpaloalto.org)

## Working together makes a difference.



Neighborhood Watch involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.

### **Objectives:**

- To protect self and property
- To be aware of suspicious people, activities and your surroundings
- To report suspicious people or activities to police

The Palo Alto Police Department has provided Neighborhood Watch (**NHW**) training for over 30 years.

Although crime trends change annually, the principle behind **NHW** remains the same: to promote safety and security in neighborhoods, and to bring communities together with the police to achieve the common goal of preventing crime and making Palo Alto a safer place to live.

In addition, **NHW** prepares citizens for action for emergency preparedness and other types of disasters.

The Palo Alto Neighborhood Disaster Activities (**PANDA**) is a 20 hour training program that trains members with skills to provide hands-on response at the neighborhood level in the first 72 hours after a disaster, when professional first responders are overwhelmed.

**NHW** brings together local officials, law enforcement and residents for community protection. The best way to prepare for a disaster is to create a specific plan of action that can be put in place at a moment's notice.

### **Consider a Preparedness Plan:**

- Create a contact list of your neighbors, include names and telephone numbers.
- Identify neighbors who need special assistance (disabled, elderly, children at home alone).
- Determine who is a **PANDA** in your neighborhood.
- Decide with family members where to assemble in the event of an emergency.
- Establish a communication plan for your family to call, preferably with someone out of the area. Make sure everyone has the number.
- Identify who has special skills or equipment that can be shared.

## How to Start

Arrange a meeting with neighbors to organize the following:

- Distribute **NHW** handouts, bulletins and Neighborhood Watch window stickers.
- Create a list of names, addresses, home/work/cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other important information. This is confidential to everyone and only used in an emergency.
- Install safety hardware and exterior lighting to your homes.
- Organize neighborhood activities. Block parties, annual park picnics, and information booths at your school during opening week are some ways you can maintain the value of **NHW**.
- Participate in the annual National Night Out event by holding a Block Party for your neighborhood.

