

New Groups and New Faces

Welcome to our new Chairmen!!



We welcome these Chairmen who started a new Watch group, are a new Co-Chair, or taking over as Chairman for an existing group

Chairman	Area	Chairman	Area
Donna Burns	The Mesa	Kay Hess	Northwest Pt Apts
Doug Shanholtz	Millcreek Sub	Aimee Carmody	Westridge Apts
Jay Remley & Carrie Hagge	Lakewood 11/12	Robert Tofpe	Hampton Sub
Jeremy Henderson	Sites Dr	Candi Presley	Rosecreek Sub
Adriene Gregg	Leadville	Becky Weaver	San Fernando Ct
Donna Kinkead	N. Bristol	Jerry Baldwin	Cambridge/Dorchester
Chris Lockhart	N. Archer St	Jeanette Newbold	Gourley
Sandy Lee	N. Johns Landing	Jim Holden	Westbridge Tnhms
Rich Steckler	N. 19 th St	Beau Kelly & John Miyake	Linshire Sub
Lucas Baumbach	N. Ross	Peggy Rawlins	W. Tudor Ct
Gloria Elliott	Roanoke	Kathy Jennings	Sunshine Dr
Tim Murphy	Roanoke	Michelle Wickstrom	Parkside Dr
Jocelyn Maybe	Maple Grove Est.	Lee Coulson	Muir Woods Sub
Jan Cook	Pier Pointe Sub	Thayne Young	Parks Estates
Margaret Stewart & Dave Rauscher	E. Jefferson	Jane Sparrell	S. Cotterell Dr

*Boise Neighborhood Watch Groups as of September 1, 2005:
336 groups comprised of 24,954 homes*

Slowing Down in School Zones

Boise Police remind drivers that school is in session and to slow down in school zones.

Police give extra attention to school zones. Motorists are getting the message, and officers say school zones are safer because of it. Tickets given for speeding in school zones last year dropped dramatically from 1,109 citations written during the 03-04 school year, to just 441 tickets written last school year.

The speed limit in school zones is 20 mph.

Motorists need to be aware of the signage at each school; some say the limit is in affect from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., some only when yellow lights are flashing, and other signs say only when children are present.

The penalty for speeding in a school zone is \$141.50, and the penalty for Interfering with Pedestrians (not stopping at a crosswalk when pedestrians are present) is \$62.00.

“If you get stopped in a school zone it is a pretty good bet you are going to get a citation”, says Sergeant Rich Fuhriman, Boise Police Department. “We see it as a concern, to see that our kids are safe”.



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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

FALL/WINTER 2005

The BOISE BARK
 MICHAEL F. MASTERSON, CHIEF OF POLICE
 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER - BOISE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Safety in Our Neighborhoods

Developmental Assets unpacked:

Safety - A young person feels safe at home, school and in the neighborhood.

Adults: Creating a safe, supportive environment for youth is a critical, yet often overlooked component of healthy youth development. It can be a challenge to gather the energy to create a safe, caring neighborhood after a long day of work. This is an opportunity to engage youth in your life as resources, pose the question: “how can we make our neighborhood / school safer?” and let youth take the lead. As you guide from behind you will be surprised at the creative problem solving youth are capable of.

Youth: Do you feel safe in your surroundings? If yes- what can you do to continue that atmosphere of safety? What can you do to ensure your comfort and the comfort of others around you? How can adults help? Working together you can enhance your situation to be a healthy and fun experience

If you don't feel safe, do what you can to improve the situation, but don't be afraid to ask for help. At school, you can try to create a

safe environment for others by putting an end to teasing and bullying. Do what you can to stop violence without endangering yourself. You could help create a mediators program or work with your counselors to create a program/session addressing tolerance and diversity appreciation.



In your neighborhood, do things that beautify and unify the neighborhood. For example, you could clean up a local playground, or grow a community garden; or something as simple as keeping a watchful eye out for the younger kids and helping them make healthy choices. By developing relationships between neighbors you are creating a safe and loving environment. If you don't feel safe at home- try to talk to your parents/guardians about what makes it feel unsafe. If you cannot talk to your parents/guardians, talk to a trusted adult and tell them what you need. Working with those you trust, you have the power to improve your school, neighborhood, or home. All it takes is a little initiative, and a little help.

Provided by Matt McCarter, Coordinator - Healthy Community*Healthy Youth, Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Boise. Matt can be reached at 384-3829.

Healthy Community * Healthy Youth
 Boise Parks & Recreation



Reported Crime Totals – Boise City

January through June	2004	2005
Aggravated Assault	200	273
Arson	26	21
Burglary	600	676
Homicide	0	4
Larceny (theft)	2645	2760
Motor Vehicle Theft	251	224
Rape	68	61
Robbery	35	47
Vandalism	1226	1137

Bike Theft

Unfortunately many bikes are stolen each year. However, steps can be taken to prevent bike theft and help to recover those that are stolen.

- Do not leave bikes laying out in the front yard or leaning up against a house or building.
- Always lock bikes with a secure lock even if only leaving it for a short time.
- Write down the serial number of all bikes your family has and keep it in a safe place along with a picture of the bike.
- Register your bikes with the Boise Police Department. Call Jan in Crime Prevention at 577-3853, or register online at www.boisepolice.org and click on Online Services, then Bike Registration Form.



Home Safety Is a Concern For Homebuyers



We tend to think of people purchasing a home because they love the updated kitchen, the ceramic-tile flooring, or the swimming pool. More and more we are seeing homebuyers looking at the safety features of a home.

How can we choose a home with safety in mind? I receive calls from people who are moving to Boise, and they want information on crime in our community. They want to live in a safe neighborhood. After I give them the reported crime statistics for the requested area, I offer suggestions:

- Look at the neighborhood in the evening as well as daytime. Are there streetlights? Do neighbors keep their porch lights on at night?
- If they are serious about a home, then meet the neighbors. Making friends with the neighbors is extremely important to having a safe neighborhood.
- Change the deadbolt locks after moving in to the new home. Use the deadbolt locks, and keep the doors locked even if they are running out for a few minutes.
- Clear bushes and vegetation that are providing hiding places near windows and doors.
- Install peepholes in the front door.
- Install appropriate outside lights.
- Find out if there is an active Neighborhood Watch in that area. If there isn't one, talk to the neighbors and start one.



Can an emergency vehicle find your house?



Make sure your house numbers are visible from the street.



Neighbors In The Spotlight

In two of our active Neighborhood Watch groups, we recently saw winning examples of citizens and law enforcement working in partnership. This is what Neighborhood Watch is about – neighborhoods and police in partnership.

1) When door-to-door solicitors came through a neighborhood in July, a concerned citizen called police dispatch. She had been warned by the Boise Police Department of illegal solicitors targeting neighborhoods. Before officers could arrive, a van stopped in front of her home and picked up the solicitor. She told her son to get the license plate number of the van, and she relayed that information to dispatch. Her son then rode his bicycle to see which direction on McMillan the van turned, and he rode back home and gave his mom that information. With the information they provided dispatch, officers quickly located the van and apprehended five subjects. **Great work you two!**

2) In August, our 911 Dispatch Center received a call at 2 a.m. reporting a possible burglary-in-progress. The caller observed 2 males crawling under a neighbor's garage door that had been left open a couple of feet. Two other garages in this neighborhood had also been burglarized. The caller stayed on the phone with dispatch updating police with the criminals' activity and whereabouts. Boise Police responded and arrested the two burglars, thanks to the neighbor who called in this activity.

Thanks for being observant and calling police!!

TDD/TTY 800/377-3529

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU WITNESS A CRIME

When you witness a crime, **you** may be the difference between the bad guy getting away or getting caught by the police. The police rely on the information you provide.

Call **911** for an emergency and/or if you witness a crime

Call **377-6790** for a non-emergency, such as reporting an abandoned vehicle, reporting a crime (not in progress), contacting a police officer

Some of the information needed by dispatch is:

- nature of the crime or reason for calling
- location of the incident
- suspect description and information
- vehicle information
- weapons involved

Working together, we can all make a difference.

Community Tip of the Day: Being involved in Neighborhood Watch might help make your neighborhood not only safer but also healthier.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealed that when people feel good about their neighborhood, they are more likely to exercise. Feelings of community may increase perceptions of comfort and safety, making outdoor exercise more appealing.

Provided by Community Counts-RealAge Tip of the Day

Home Security Tip of the Day:

A home alarm system is one of the most effective deterrents to crimes involving forced entry. When used in combination with security measures like deadbolt locks, a house with an alarm system has a much better chance of avoiding break-ins.

