

MEMBERSHIP

There are two types of membership in the Prince William Crime Prevention Council:

- Every resident of a sanctioned Neighborhood Watch group shall automatically be entitled to membership in the Council, and each watch shall be entitled to one vote.
- Any individual, community service organization, church or business who is interested in helping to support the activities of the Council shall be entitled to membership upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. These members shall have no vote in the operation of the council.

OFFICERS & BOARD

The Board of Directors consists of 13 members who are elected every two years by the membership of the council. The Board elects a President, Secretary and a Treasurer. The Vice President is a Prince William County Police Officer that is appointed by the Police Department.

Prince William Crime Prevention Council



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HISTORY & PURPOSE

The Prince William Crime Prevention Council is a non-profit 501-(C)(3) organization comprised of citizen volunteers and law enforcement. The Council was established in 1982 for the exclusive purpose of promoting the common good and social welfare of the citizens of Prince William County by:

- Promoting interest in the prevention of crime.
- Promoting the effective operation of Neighborhood Watch programs under the auspices of the Prince William County Police Department.
- Providing a forum and a voice for the exchange of ideas pertaining to the reduction and prevention of crime.
- Maintaining a speaker's bureau for the purpose of educating residents in crime prevention.
- Serving as a liaison between the Police Department and the citizens and businesses of Police authorized watch programs.

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ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS:

The Council holds bimonthly meetings to conduct Council business, review current crime trends and to receive specialized crime prevention training. The meetings are open to the public.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

The main objective of the Council is to support Neighborhood Watch activities, projects and training in Prince William County.

McGRUFF SPEAKS:

The Council's newsletter is edited by the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit and distributed to over 25,000 area crime prevention supporters quarterly. It is also available on the County web site: www.pwccgov.org/police. The newsletter provides current crime prevention information, crime statistics and Council activities.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

The Council supports full participation in the National Night Out Program. This consists of all residents going outside during one specific evening and time in August to show a united force against crime.

CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION BUSINESS PROGRAM:

The Council supports the Certified Crime Prevention Business Program. The program is intended to encourage businesses to become more involved in reducing the opportunity for crimes to occur at their establishments. This is accomplished by raising awareness and knowledge through written policies and training, implementing recommended security applications, and by increased communication and cooperation between businesses and the Police Department.

FLEET WATCH:

This is a program which uses businesses with mobile communication capabilities. The employees have been trained by the Police Department to report suspicious or dangerous activity. This program enhances the safety of the community by putting hundreds of extra "eyes" on the streets of Prince William County.

WORSHIP WATCH:

The purpose of the Worship Watch Program is to involve members of the church, synagogue, mosque or temple with the Police Department and the surrounding community in working together to create and maintain a safe environment by utilizing accepted crime prevention practices.