



Clark County Sheriff's Office

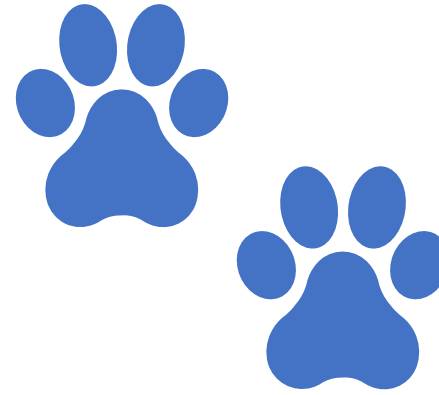
Paws On Patrol



Thank you for participating in the
Paws on Patrol Program!

We look forward to partnering
with you in protecting and
safeguarding our community!

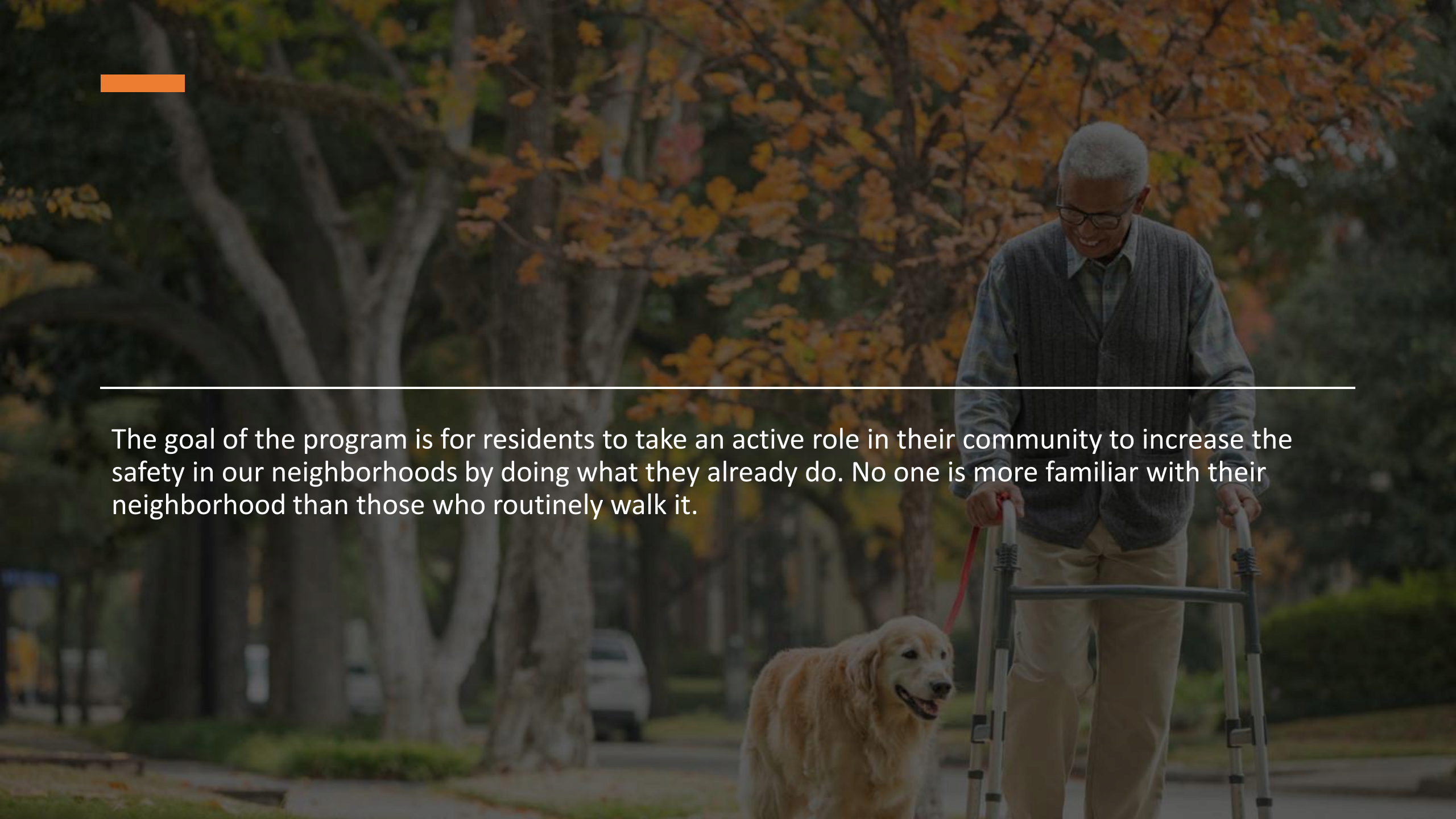
-Sheriff John Horch



A photograph of a person walking a dog on a sidewalk. The person is wearing blue jeans and white sneakers, and is holding a leash. The dog is a small, white and brown dog, possibly a Jack Russell Terrier, and is walking on the sidewalk. In the background, there is a green hedge and a white wall. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and a list of bullet points.

About Paws on Patrol

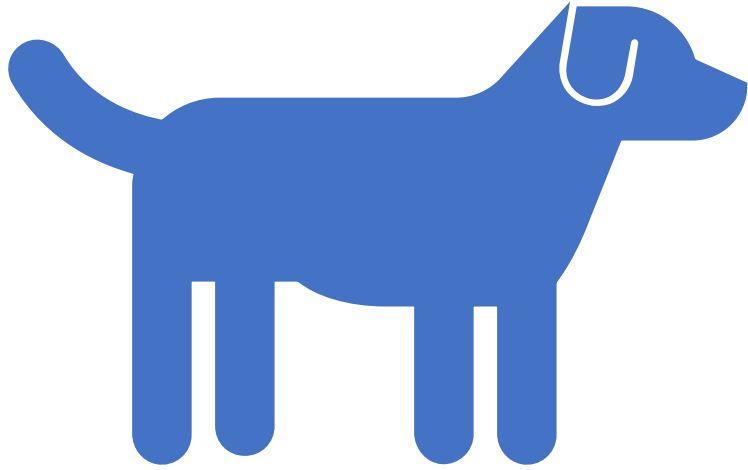
- There are dozens, if not hundreds, of dog walkers throughout Clark County at all times of the day. These walkers are often preoccupied talking on their phones, texting, or listening to music during their neighborhood walks. This is hundreds of potential pairs of extra eyes and ears watching for suspicious activity and alerting law enforcement when something appears out of place.
- Paws on Patrol is a crime awareness program that encourages dog (or cat) walkers throughout the area to assist as “extra eyes and ears” in the ongoing fight against crime. The program was inspired by Dog Walker Watch, a nationwide program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.
- The Paws on Patrol program trains you how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity as you are routinely out in your neighborhood.



The goal of the program is for residents to take an active role in their community to increase the safety in our neighborhoods by doing what they already do. No one is more familiar with their neighborhood than those who routinely walk it.

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- Paws on Patrol trains you how to recognize and report criminal activity as you are routinely out in your neighborhood or park.
 - Those who know the neighborhood best (you) now become more aware and less hesitant to report suspicious activity.
 - Paws on Patrol is not just for dog walkers. Maybe you walk with your cat? Or without a pet at all. Anyone who regularly walks their neighborhood or park can participate!
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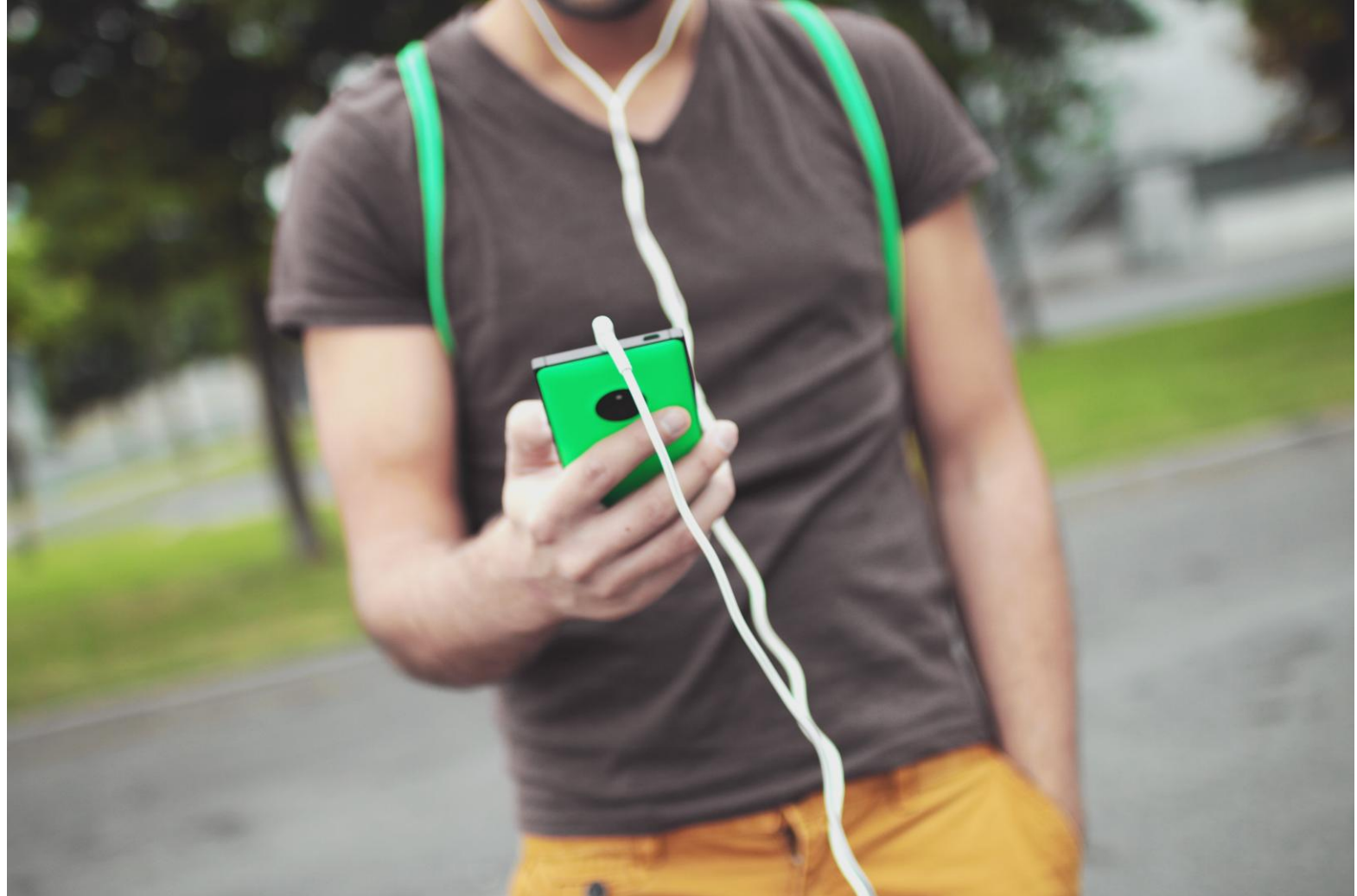
Be a good neighbor.

- Neighbors watching out for neighbors is one of the best tools we can employ in the fight against crime. Law enforcement cannot do it alone.
- Look around for unusual things. Walkers who routinely walk their neighborhood are familiar with what is normal activity and what looks out of place.
- Consider what neighborhood incidents should involve police versus when you can turn to other public safety resources.

Distractions

Phones, headphones and AirPods can make it more difficult to be aware of your surroundings. When out on your walk, limiting your use of these devices will make you a better observer, and being more aware of your surroundings is safer for you, too!

Keep your head up, scan and pay attention to your surroundings.



Examples of Suspicious Activity

Persons going door-to-door in your neighborhood with no identification

Noises such as gun shots, screaming, sounds of fighting, breaking glass

Vandalism, property damage, graffiti in progress

A car following a delivery van or someone taking packages from porch.

Loitering around or peering into cars and trying door handles

A person removing car parts, license plates, or gas

Heavy foot traffic to and from a certain residence that occurs on a regular basis during unusual hours

Unfamiliar vehicle parked on your street that you suspect may have been stolen

Remember: People aren't suspicious, behavior is!

Things to keep in mind:

NOT EVERY STRANGER
IS A CRIMINAL, AND
SOME CIRCUMSTANCES
HAVE A PERFECTLY
LOGICAL EXPLANATION

FACTORS SUCH AS
RACE, ETHNICITY,
AND/OR RELIGIOUS
AFFILIATION ALONE
ARE NOT SUSPICIOUS

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO
APPREHEND A PERSON
COMMITTING A CRIME
OR INVESTIGATE A
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Be a Good Witness



WHO
did you see



WHAT
did you see




WHEN
you saw it



WHERE
it occurred



WHY
it's suspicious

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There are
several options
to report
suspicious or
criminal
activity.

- 9-1-1 for emergencies
- 3-1-1 for non-emergency law enforcement assistance
- Online reporting
- Tip lines
- Call your local law enforcement agency directly



When should I call 9-1-1

Any time a police response is needed for something IN PROGRESS.

- when life or property is threatened or at immediate risk, or if there is a good chance that a criminal can be apprehended.

What to do when you call 911.....

- Tell us the nature of the emergency.
- What is going on? Description of subject. Weapons? Time of incident?
- Where are you? Address, street name, landmark, location, etc.
- Your information: Your name and your phone number.
- Are you available to speak with an officer?
- Let the operator ask the questions.
- Please remain calm and speak clearly.
- Inadvertently call 911? Don't hang up.



Calls that are not an emergency can be made to 3-1-1 or 360-693-3111



A few guidelines to follow when you decide if you want to call 9-1-1 versus 3-1-1:

- Always use 9-1-1 for any fire and medical call, no matter how minor you think the medical complaint is.
- Call 9-1-1 if your police complaint involves a gun, is a crime happening now, or a situation that needs police to prevent or stop an injury or property damage.
- 3-1-1 is the alternate number to report non-emergency law-enforcement-related complaints.

These include:

- Abandoned vehicles/suspected stolen vehicle/ car prowls
- Package and mail thefts
- Noise complaints
- Found property that could be evidence (like a discarded weapon).

Online reporting:

Most non-violent crimes can be reported online. Examples: Illegal dumping, lost/found property, and vandalism

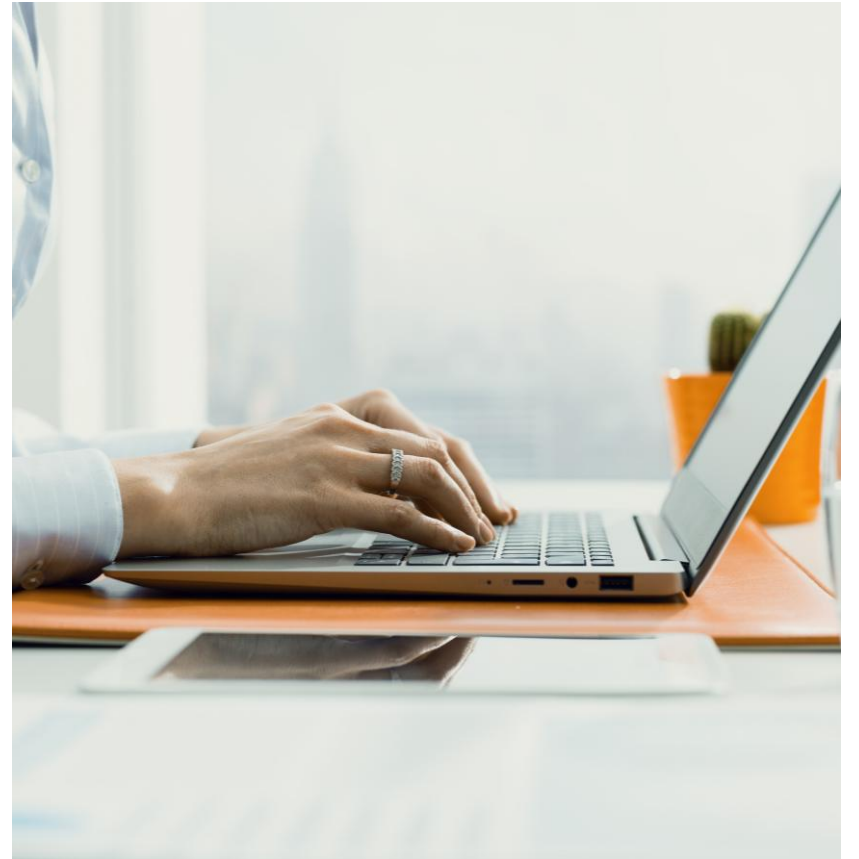
<https://www.cresa.wa.gov/contact/online-reporting>

If the crime occurred in unincorporated Clark County, Yacolt and Amboy;

<https://clark.wa.gov/sheriff/file-crime-report>

In the city of Battle Ground;

<https://report.citizenserviceportal.com/home/Agency?AgencyCode=BGPD>





Tip Lines:

You may also leave information or report suspected criminal activity at one of our two Tip Lines. You can remain anonymous.

Sheriff's Office Tip Line - 564.397.2847

Drug Task Force Tip Line - 564.397.6017

Other Community Resources:

It's *Your* neighborhood!

Neighborhood Guide

https://clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/2021-12/ce-community-guide-spreads_0.pdf

Clark County Neighborhood Outreach Program

<https://clark.wa.gov/county-manager/about-neighborhood-associations>

Public  Alerts

SIGN UP TODAY!

Clark Regional Alert and Notification System



Clark Regional Public Alerts is a free service that allows you to sign-up online to receive customized alerts in various emergency situations and information about road closures, safety, health, utility disruptions and more...

To sign up for Clark Regional Public Alert System

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085616336/login>



Stay tuned...

As a Paws on Patrol participant, you may receive emails with crime prevention and personal safety tips from patrol deputies.

Future plans for Paws on Patrol include;

- an annual gathering in the park where Paws on Patrol participants can meet each other and their local law enforcement officers.
- AND a Pet Spotlight!

Questions?



Contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Unit



Phone: 564-397-3380



Email: CntySheriff.CommunityOutreach@clark.wa.gov

Thank you for completing the training!

Be sure to watch the video (link is on registration page).

Your free Paws on Patrol pet tag will
be mailed to the address on your
registration form within two weeks.

