

You see juvenile problems (curfew violations, bullying, or possible loitering etc.)

You are aware that something “doesn’t feel right” and you can clearly express what is bothering you.

And remember, a suspicious person could be of anyone His or her behavior is what determines whether they should be considered suspicious!

WHAT YOU ARE, AND WHAT YOU ARE NOT...

As a member of the Mobile Community Watch team, your responsibility is to serve as the “**eyes and ears**” of the Sheriff’s Office, and thus make it possible for patrol deputies to respond to crimes in progress more quickly and effectively. **Remember, you are not a sworn police officer and have police powers!** You are only authorized to report and observe while on patrol!

You may not carry any weapons while on patrol. This includes firearms, self-defense spray, clubs, bats etc.

Make no arrests!!! Make no car stops and do not detain, interview or in any way confront or interact with suspects!

Never trespass on private property during your patrol! Do not shine flashlights or spotlights in the windows of residences

FOR LIMITED LIABILITY AND MAXIMUM SAFETY REMEMBER TO ALWAYS FOLLOW PROCEDURE AND CALL THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO HANDLE THE SITUATION!!!

SUBSTATIONS

Millcreek Precinct	272-5225
Holladay Precinct	272-0426
Cottonwood Heights Precinct	944-1830
Kearns Precinct	967-4420
Magna Precinct	250-1474
Riverton Precinct	254-0167
Herriman Precinct	302-2080
Crime Prevention Unit	468-3901
Graffiti Cleanup	468-2182
Sheriff’s Non-emergency	743-7000
Emergency	911

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Organizing A Mobile Watch Group

A Coordinator’s Guide To Organizing A “Mobile Watch” Program



This document is intended to provide a Mobile Watch Coordinator with the guidance necessary to successfully organize a crime prevention program to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the neighborhood.

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Do's and Don'ts

DO NOT PATROL OUTSIDE YOUR ASSIGNED AREA. A patrol deputy or another mobile watch team may mistake you for a suspect.

BE AS INVISIBLE AS POSSIBLE within your assigned patrol area.. If you see a crime in progress or suspicious circumstance, work with your team partner to quickly record needed information: Vehicle and suspect description, accurate location, and other data needed by dispatch. Then back away so you don't become part of the problem upon arrival of the deputies.

MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY. During the course of your patrol you may come to know of confidential information about an individual. Keep it to yourself and allow no access to logs and reports by anyone not authorized to see them.

ASSURE THE SAFE KEEPING OF LOGS AND REPORTS. The timely transfer of the logs to your sheriff's Office representative is important. They can provide valuable information when detectives investigate burglaries, car prowls etc.

WITNESS STATEMENT. If you observe a crime in progress, or if asked to do so by a deputy, prepare a witness statement. Make it clear, concise and accurate. Don't talk about it with anyone else, except as authorized by your Sheriff's Office representative.

MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOUR C.O.P. REPRESENTATIVE. He or she needs to be aware of your concerns regarding the area of your patrol. You can greatly benefit from their knowledge and support.

Occasionally you may see an unattended bicycle, and open garage door, or an unlocked vehicle. These circumstances can lead to a crime of opportunity. These events should be logged, and when appropriate brought to the attention of the resident.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE! On rare occasions, you maybe criticized by citizens who do not understand what you are doing, or dislike the idea of the Mobile Watch. Be calm, polite, and professional in these circumstances. Leave as quickly as possible and report such incidents to your Sheriff's Office representative.

Sometimes you may be contacted by the Media at home or while on patrol. **DO NOT**

PERMIT INTERVIEWS! Accidentally leaked information may jeopardize a future court case. Refer media representatives to the Sheriff's Office.

BE SURE TO OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS, County ordinances, and state laws while on patrol. How embarrassing would it be to receive a citation during the course of your volunteer crime prevention duties? In some cases, such an incident could delay or complicate deputies' response to a crime in progress.

MAINTAIN A PERSONAL CHECKLIST OF THE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED ON PATROL. At a minimum, this should include a cell phone, note pad, flashlight, activity log, phone book, area map, and any available neighborhood telephone lists. Be sure to deposit shared supplies in an agreed upon place for use by the next team.

DIAL 911 WHEN A LIFE IS IN DANGER OR A CRIME IS HAPPENING!

DIAL 743-7000 When....

You see suspicious behavior such as an individual looking into vehicles or walking into backyards etc.