

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE
BY-LAWS**

Article 1: NAME

- 1.1 This Committee shall be known as the Washington Township Crime Watch.
- 1.2 Membership Group: The members shall be persons in the promotion of security in Washington Township.

Article 2: Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the committee shall be:
 - 2.1.1 Promote security and crime awareness throughout Washington Township.
 - 2.1.2 Establish a liaison with law enforcement agencies responsible for providing security to residents in Washington Township.
 - 2.1.3 Maintain a neighborhood watch program as required.

Article 3: MEETINGS

- 3.1 Meetings shall be held on the on the third Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December beginning at 6:00 p.m. If a meeting is inconvenient to a significant number of members, the meeting can be rescheduled by the Chairman to another date within 14 days of the third Wednesday.
- 3.2 Meetings will be held at the Washington Township Municipal Building in the lower level.
- 3.3 A quorum will consist of one third members.
- 3.4 Any member or resident of Washington Township may request that a subject be placed on the agenda by contacting the Chairman prior to the day of the meeting.
- 3.5 Robert's Rules of Order will be the authority on all questions of parliamentary procedures, the interpretation of which shall be at the discretion of the person chairing the meeting.

Article 4: MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The membership will be composed of residents of Washington Township and other persons with interest in the security of Washington Township who all have been cleared by a background check performed by the law enforcement agency responsible for Township security.

Article 5: ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

5.1 Nominations for officers will occur at the December meeting. Except the election for officers will occur at the December 16, 2009 meeting to establish this committee.

5.2 Election of shall be held at the February meeting of each year.

5.3 The officers of the committee shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Officers shall serve 1 year terms.

5.4 The Chairperson shall:

5.4.1 Preside at all meetings.

5.4.2 Have the power to convene a special meeting upon notifying the membership 1 week prior to the date.

5.4.3 Contact the responsible law enforcement agency to remind them of pending meetings.

5.5 The Vice Chairperson shall:

5.5.1 Chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson.

5.6 The Secretary Shall:

5.6.1 Keep the minutes of the meeting.

Article 6: BY-LAWS

6.1 The by-laws of the committee may be amended by a quorum of the membership at a regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the members at least a week before the scheduled meeting.

6.2 The by-laws shall be reviewed at the February meeting. The prior notice of article 6.1 shall not apply to amendments submitted in the February meeting.

Article 7: DURATION

7.1 The Crime Watch Committee shall exist perpetually.