Doing Your Part

Report the following accidents to your local Police Department at 229-776-4096 and also talk about the problem with your neighbors.

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars.
- Unusual Noises
- Property being taken out of closed businesses or houses where no one is at home.
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Abandoned vehicles

Reporting Crime

- Call the appropriate number, either 9-1-1 for emergencies or 776-4096 for non-emergencies.
- Give your name and address
- Briefly describe the event – what happened, when, where and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect's sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, and other distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or tattoos.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers, dents or decals.

Important Phone Numbers

Keep these phone numbers near the phone.

Emergency …………………...……911

City Hall …………...……...229-776-4097

Police Department ………229-776-4096

Neighborhood Watch ……229-776-4096

Sheriff's Department …….229-776-8211

Poulan Police Department

**204 N Hunton Street
P.O. Box 69
Poulan, GA 31781
Phone: 229.776.4097
Fax: 229.776.2998**

Neighborhood Watch

City of Poulan Police Department

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The ABCs of Neighborhood Watch

- ✓ Any Community resident can join – young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner.

- ✓ A few concerned residents or a community organization can spearhead the effort to organize a Neighborhood Watch.

- ✓ Participants learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the Police Department.

- ✓ You can form a Neighborhood Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, city street or business area.

- ✓ Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns such as a beautification and disaster preparedness.

Join a Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the community they serve.

Getting Organized

To form a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the City's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Donnie Scott at 229-776-4097. The Coordinator will provide you with information to help your group get started, including:

- Selection of a block Captain and Co-Captain

- Establishing a phone tree for effective communication

- Recruiting members and making special effort to include the elderly, working parents, and young people.

- Identifying areas of concern that are specific to your neighborhood.

Staying Active

It is unfortunate that when a neighborhood crime crisis goes away, so does the enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. The key to keeping a Neighborhood Watch group active is maintaining people's interest over a period of time.

Organize regular meetings that foucus on other issues such as recreational activities for children and emergency preparedness.

Consider a neighborhood beautification project or participate in Keep America Beautiful.

Work within the Neighborhood Watch group to start a block parent program to help children in emergency situations

Do not forget social events that give neighbors a chance to know each other – host a block party, picnic or softball game.