



Penn Estates Neighborhood Watch

Penn Estates Department of Public Safety (570) 424-7042

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PACKET

Dear Penn Estates Neighborhood Watch Applicant,

We would like to thank you for your consideration with joining the Neighborhood Watch Program. For those of you that are not familiar with the Neighborhood Watch Program, it was developed for anyone who would like to feel safer in his or her neighborhoods. It is not a vigilante program, nor is it a program of citizens on patrol in their neighborhoods. It is a program that encourages neighbors to get to know each other, to watch out for each other, and to call the **appropriate law enforcement police** when something just doesn't seem right. The Neighborhood Watch system relies on the willingness of people to get involved, stay informed of area problems, and work together on solutions.

The Penn Estates Public safety Department and the Stroud Area Regional Police Department are collaborating to initiate the neighborhood watch program within the Penn Estates Community. Officer Kenny Palmer of the Stroud Area Regional Police, the surrounding Neighborhood Watch coordinators and the Penn Estates Public Safety Department are presently designing the structure of the program for our community.

A Neighborhood Watch representative will work with citizens interested in applying. Upon completion of the application a criminal background check will be conducted. Pending approval, the applicant will then be registered with Monroe County Communications and assigned an identification card and number. Once approved the new member will be able to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Documents accompanying this letter include:

- Neighborhood Watch application
- Neighborhood Watch Ideology

Thank you for your interest in the Neighborhood Watch Program. If you have additional questions please contact the Penn Estates Public safety office @ 570 424-7042.

Sincerely,



Penn Estates Neighborhood Watch Group

Neighborhood Watch Ideology

Neighborhood Watch is crime prevention program that:

- Teaches citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public.
- Trains citizens on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- Teaches participants how to make their homes more secure and properly identify their property.
- Allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routine so that any out of place activity can be reported and investigated.
- Creates a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.
- “It is not” a vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement.
- “It is not” a program designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime.
- “It is “ designed to create an environment where the community is accountable for its residents.

Please describe some of the issues and challenges in your neighborhood that could be addressed by Neighborhood Watch activities:



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date: _____

Applicant Information:

Last Name: _____

First: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Driver's Lic. #: _____ State: _____

Address: _____ Years at Address: _____ (If less than 3 years please provide previous address)

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Info:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
(Please Print)

Telephone #(s): Day Time: _____ Night Time: _____

Please Check Willingness to Volunteer for The Following:

Window Watcher _____ Walking Patrol _____ Vehicle Patrol: _____

Mornings _____ Afternoons _____ Evenings _____