



DERWOOD STATION SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INTENT and RULES of PATROL

The intent is to deter crime by being highly visible and being obvious that you are patrolling the neighborhood. You are an observer and a reporter only!

1. No Weapons.
2. No confrontation of any kind.
3. At the beginning of the shift, verify you have the spotlight, Patrol Log, a functioning cell phone, and 2 magnetic Neighborhood Watch signs. Note the date, time, and persons patrolling in the Patrol Log. Place the magnetic Neighborhood Watch signs on the car.
4. Make a circuit of the entire neighborhood by car, including every street twice an hour. Shine the spot into common areas and right-of-ways accessible from the road, including the tot lot (night watch). Be careful not to shine the spot into residence windows.
5. Items to look for
 - a. Areas where more lighting or security corrections are needed. Note street lights that are malfunctioning.
 - b. Activity after dark in the tot lot, which is prohibited.
 - c. Activity in common areas, including along and behind the berm fence where accessible via the spotlight from the car.
 - d. Garage doors, front doors, or gates that are left open
 - e. Vehicles parked at homes. Become familiar with which cars belong at resident's homes.
 - f. Any suspicious persons or vehicles driving or parked
 - g. Any suspicious activity around residences
6. Use the Patrol Log to write information regarding suspicious activity observed:
 - a. For vehicles, the **license number and state**
 - b. For vehicles, the type, make and model, color, and any distinguishing characteristics
 - c. Description of person or persons
 - d. Description and location of incident
7. If the situation warrants, call 911 or the non-emergency number (301-279-8000) to report to the police. REMEMBER – no confrontation.
8. Information to put in the Patrol Log for a malfunctioning street light
 - a. Street and closest street address
 - b. Pole number
9. At the end of a shift, pass the patrol equipment to the next shift, or return to the Neighborhood Watch coordinator.