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Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, La website

The Rapides Parish Sheriffs' Office, Louisiana has over 130,000 residents and is responsible for more than 1300 square miles. Though rural, the office faces many of the same problems normally associated with urban areas. Over the last three years the office has worked to coordinate their efforts in the community through regular "Town Hall" meetings scheduled throughout the parish. When a community called Kolin-Ruby experienced a rash of burglaries, the office responded to the residents quickly by not only setting up a neighborhood watch, but by leveraging their coordination with the Louisiana State Police and the U.S. Marshals' Service. As a result of the coordinated efforts of the Rapides Parish Sheriffs' Office and the neighborhood watch, the burglars were arrested and convicted. Since then, the office lead by Sheriff Wagner, has realized the power of involving the community in not only crime reporting, but crime prevention and maintaining an open line of communication.

Rockledge Police Department, FL website

Rockledge Police Department, Florida aims to prevent crime to citizens and businesses through partnering with each other. In this 12.2 square mile community, the department has maintained 125 active neighborhood watch groups that cover 350 streets, 143 business watch programs, and National Sheriffs' Association has partnered with the public sanitation workers to create a program called City Watch. The department's programs have helped to increase calls of suspicious incidents by 20 percent. Building collaborative partnerships within the community has helped to apprehend a bank robber, suppress counterfeit bills, assist a citizen attacked by a pit bull, and much more. Further, the Police department has recognized more than 80 youth and seniors for their positive contributions in the community.

Morris Hill Neighborhood Association, Boise, ID website Facebook

The Morris Hill Neighborhood Association is comprised of over 1,000 households and 300 businesses in one area of Boise, Idaho. Morris Hill is not a Homeowner's Association nor do they require membership dues. Their mission is to build a sense of neighborhood community, promote a safe and healthy neighborhood environment, and maintain and protect the uniqueness of their neighborhood. Throughout the year the group actively participates in their community by distributing crime prevention educational materials, organizing an Annual Crime Prevention Walk-A-Thon, creating Welcome Wagon Gift Bags for the over 50% of the neighborhood that is rental property, participating in the citizen's patrol program, coordinating an e-mail list serve, and participating in ongoing training on a multitude of topics. Working closely with the Boise Police Department the group's efforts have been recognized many times. By having a constant and positive presence in the neighborhood, Morris Hill has not only achieved the goal of creating a strong community, but has helped to decrease crime in the community by 30 percent.