

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office	
Main / Patrol	491-3600
Sheriff	491-3715
Civil Division	491-3733
Detectives	491-3734
Tax Office	491-3691
Accident Reports/Fingerprinting	491-3642
Correctional Center	491-3800
Calcasieu Parish DA's Office 437-3400	
Louisiana State Police Troop D 491-2511	
Police Departments	
DeQuincy.....	786-4000
Iowa	582-3636
Lake Charles	491-1311
Sulphur	527-4550
Vinton	589-3561
Westlake.....	433-4151
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) 433-6353	
14th Judicial District Court 437-3530	
Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court 437-3550	
Calcasieu Parish Tax Assessor 721-3000	
Calcasieu Parish Registrar of Voters 437-3572	
Calcasieu Parish Police Jury 721-3500	
Calcasieu Parish School Board 491-1600	
LA Office of Motor Vehicles 491-2533	
McNeese State University 475-5000	
Child Protection Hotline 491-2545	
Rape Crisis Outreach 888-255-7273	
Poison Control 800-222-1222	

Are you familiar with your local Law Enforcement Centers?

Sheriff Tony Mancuso has nine Law Enforcement Centers to provide you with the safety and information you need in your area.

Carlyss / 4525 Hwy. 27 South
491-3810

DeQuincy / 618 E. Center St.
786-2163

Iowa / 203 Hwy. 90 West
491-3629

Lake Charles—North / 2112 Moeling St.
491-3626

Lake Charles—South / 7098 Gulf Hwy.
431-1331

Moss Bluff / 115 Bronco Ln.
491-3627

Stark / 4352 Hwy. 12
743-5297

Sulphur / 1525 Cypress St.
491-3625

Vinton / 1302 Center St.
494-4568

Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch Program
431-1331

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



CALCASIEU PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Tony Mancuso

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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF TONY MANCUSO...



The Neighborhood Watch Program is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. It forges bonds between neighbors, helps reduce crime in your neighborhood, and improves relations between the Sheriff's

Office and your community.

To ensure the success of this program we need your active participation, and I am asking you to partner with us to provide the vital link necessary to help provide safer, crime-free neighborhoods in which to raise your families.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Mancuso". The signature is written in a cursive style.

TONY MANCUSO
SHERIFF

Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch Program enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in their communities. The program was started in an effort to educate residents regarding their roles and responsibilities in the prevention of crime, and to encourage them to take active measures to prevent crime. It calls upon residents to step forward and assist police in organizing their community into a cohesive unit working toward the goal of building a safer, crime-free neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch groups discuss neighborhood crime problems with the objective of developing solutions to local problems. The Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office supplies crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques.

Checklist For Starting a Neighborhood Watch Program

You Will Need:

- A person or group of people committed to starting a Neighborhood Watch.
- A planning committee to initiate the program.
- A list of what issues initially need to be addressed in your community.
- A means of communicating with the residents i.e. e-mail, fliers, telephone trees.
- Publicity for the initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- A meeting agenda to keep things moving and on track.
- A place to meet; resident's house or apartment, community center, school, library, or law enforcement center.
- A crime prevention officer to discuss the crime issues in the neighborhood and to help train members.
- A map of the community with spaces for names, addresses, and phone numbers of all households.
- A sign-up sheet for those interested in becoming block captains.
- Facts about crime in your neighborhood. (Those can be found in police reports, newspapers, and residents' perception about crime. Often residents' opinions are not supported by facts, and accurate information can reduce fear of crime.)

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Be alert!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the Sheriff's Office.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- 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.

Report these incidents to the Sheriff's Office. Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THESE INCIDENTS?

- Call 9-1-1.
- Give your name and address.
- Explain what happened.
- Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.