



# EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

Dear LGNA Neighbor:

Many residents have expressed a strong interest in starting a Crime Watch/Expanded Neighborhood Patrol Program by hiring off-duty police officers to patrol our neighborhood. The program, called Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP), is coordinated through the Dallas Police Department. ENP is popular and successful in many Dallas neighborhoods, including Greenland Hills, Vickery Place, Cochran Heights, Hollywood/Santa Monica, Munger Place and Forest Hills. Its purpose is to raise police presence, reduce crime, improve communication, and educate residents.

The targeted start date for the ENP program will be January 1, 2008. Initially we will have 10-15 patrol hours per week, but we hope to ramp this up to 20 hours per week quickly. The route and days/hours of patrol will be ever changing, determined by factors such as crime trends in the neighborhood and input from the Crime Watch committee. The Crime Watch committee is made up of volunteer block captains. For information on becoming a block captain, email us at [Crimewatch@LGNA.net](mailto:Crimewatch@LGNA.net).

Crime Watch/ENP dues will be \$200 per year, \$150 per year for seniors 65 and older. Dues will be good for one year from the month they are received once patrols begin. As an added incentive, those who sign up prior to January 1, 2008 will get credit for 13 months instead of 12.

Anyone who lives in the LGNA boundaries can participate, whether you rent or own. (Our area is Greenville to Skillman, Mockingbird to Ross) To join, please fill out the form below and mail it back with a check made out to LGNA-ENP or bring it to the next General Meeting. For more information, email [Crimewatch@LGNA.net](mailto:Crimewatch@LGNA.net) or call Darren Dattalo at 214-476-8023.

A few benefits of joining ENP:

Patrols will check on your home when you are on vacation or away for an extended period.

Patrol officer will know how to contact you if he sees something out of order at your home.

Police will respond within seconds to your 911 calls when an ENP officer is on duty. You will not have to wait for the next available officer to respond.

ENP officers will become experts on our neighborhood, able to recognize suspicious activity.

When you send in your payment, be sure to give us your full contact information and write clearly. This information will be used to provide our patrol officer with a roster of active ENP members. This is how he will contact you if your home is compromised. You will also be added to our email distribution list for crime alerts and updates from the patrol officer so please include an email address.

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## LGNA CRIME WATCH / EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL DUES FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email is required to receive neighborhood alerts; please print clearly)

Mail this form and check payable to LGNA-ENP to: LGNA  
Or bring it to the next LGNA meeting. PO Box 720067  
Dallas, TX 75372

*Receipts furnished upon request.*

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## Frequently Asked Questions

*Q. What is an Expanded Neighborhood Patrol program?*

A. ENP is a program coordinated through the Dallas Police Dept. employing off-duty police officers to patrol our neighborhood. The officer will be connected to the dispatch system as if he were on duty, but will not be responding to 911 calls unless they are in our neighborhood. (The program will serve the residents of the neighborhood, not the commercial entities on Greenville Avenue.) A data terminal onboard will allow ENP officers to check instantly for stolen vehicles or outstanding warrants.

*Q. What are the neighborhood's benefits of joining the ENP Program?*

A. The whole neighborhood will benefit from this program. Some neighborhoods have seen as much as an 85% reduction in crime. We develop a personal relationship with the patrol officer, giving us a "go-to" guy in the Police Department. The patrol officer will be able to look for trouble spots and recommend things we can do to improve the safety of our neighborhood.

*Q. How will I personally benefit from ENP?*

When the officer is on duty, response time will be reduced to seconds when you call 911. When you are on vacation, the officer will check your home once each patrol by walking the perimeter. The officer will have your personal contact information if he ever sees anything out of the ordinary such as an open garage door or a suspicious vehicle on your property.

*Q. What do the annual dues pay for?*

A. Use of the patrol car, associated equipment and patrol officer wages. Overall costs will vary depending on the number of patrol hours we utilize. There may be some very minor administrative costs such as postage to remind renewing members to subscribe for the next year; we plan to keep these to a bare minimum. Organization and administration will be done by volunteers with no compensation.

*Q. Can I pay by the month or the quarter? Can I pay by credit card?*

A. Not at this time. Since we are just starting the program, we need to build up reserves to keep the program going. Also, the city requires that we commit to a minimum 6 month contract and we need to ensure that we can keep our commitment. We are not able to accept credit cards at this time. As the program matures, we hope to offer both monthly/quarterly billing and a credit card option.

*Q. What if enough people do not sign up?*

A. We will not begin patrols until we have enough members available to commit to 6 months of patrols. If we have not met this number by Jan 1, 2008, we will continue fundraising. If we have not been able to raise enough funds by April 2008, we will return **all** money contributed.

*Q. How many hours will the officer patrol our neighborhood?*

A. This will depend on the level of participation. We will start the program with a minimum of 10 hours per week. Ideally, we would like to patrol at least 20 hours per week. This will require that at least 240 households join the program. If more people join the program, we will either reduce the cost or add additional patrol hours, depending on the wishes of the neighborhood.

*Q. Do I need to join LGNA to participate?*

No, you do not. LGNA is sponsoring this program, but it will be administered separately from the neighborhood association. LGNA dues are \$10 per year, \$5 for seniors 65+ and may be paid separately for those wishing to join.

*Q. Who can I contact for more information?*

You can contact the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association Crime Watch coordinator Darren Dattalo by email at [Crimewatch@LGNA.net](mailto:Crimewatch@LGNA.net) or by phone at 214-476-8023.