



## North Port Neighborhood Watch (NPNW)

Policy and Procedures Number 1

# Rules of Conduct

**Policy:** It is the policy of the NPNW that all members maintain and display only the highest standards of moral, ethical, and professional behavior when representing the NPNW to the public, or in their interactions with each other and the Watch leadership team.

**Purpose:** To establish the Rules of Conduct for members of the NPNW

### Procedure:

Any conduct which reflects poorly on the NPNW or North Port Police Department (NPPD) will not be tolerated. Members whose conduct is not professional and courteous while acting in the capacity as a volunteer will be subject to disciplinary action imposed by the BOD (Board of Directors). Even though this is a volunteer organization we must act professional at all times and those who, for whatever reason, cannot put personalities to the side and work for the goals of the organization will be asked to resign their position.

### Rules of Conduct:

- Members should always keep in mind that they are not police officers nor are they empowered by either the NPPD or the City of North Port to any degree above that of any other citizen.
- Members should not perform a patrol while under the slightest influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Members on patrol should not approach suspicious persons or vehicles. They should call the police and observe the situation from a safe distance.
- Members should never put themselves or anyone else in danger or harm's way.
- Members on patrol should go onto private property only if they have the owner or caretaker's permission.
- Members are encouraged to patrol in pairs, especially after dark. (After logging 40 hours of patrol time, members may patrol alone during daylight hours.)
- Members should never interfere with police activity. If the officer can use your help he or she will ask for it.
- Members should wear their uniform (approved shirt and official ID badge) whenever on patrol or at any sanctioned NPNW event. When on patrol in a vehicle, NPNW magnetic signs shall be displayed on the vehicle for easy identification.
- Public displays of rude or unacceptable behavior towards a member of the public or fellow members of the Neighborhood Watch have no place in this organization.

- Members will not ask for favors, discounts or free items from any person or business for personal gain.
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**APPROVED:** By resolution of the Board of Directors on 3/25/2012.  
(Date)

Verified and entered into the corporation's permanent files.

By: (signed) Rita B. Philbrick  
(Secretary)