

## **NRE Crime Watch – C.O.P.**

**Purpose** – Deter crime within NRE, keeping NRE a safe and happy place to live.

**How** – By being Visible & Reporting.

**When** – Monday - Friday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. primarily. (Other times – Friday & Saturday nights; high school graduation night, high school prom night).

**How it works** – Participants place magnetic C.O.P. signs on the sides of their vehicles and make that vehicle visible by occasionally driving through NRE. If anything suspicious is seen, there are only three possible courses of actions: 1. Call 911 and report it. 2. Record and report it to other C.O.P. participants and/or NRE property owners and/or BOD members. 3. Do nothing.

### **Important Information and Instruction for C.O.P. Participants:**

1. This Citizens on Patrol program is NOT sanctioned by any law enforcement agency and does NOT function similar to how C.O.P. traditionally function.
2. The C.O.P. program is not intended to replace other crime watch efforts; it is intended to augment the overall community crime watch program.
3. NEVER carry any type of weapon, on your person, in your vehicle or by any other means.
4. NEVER expose yourself or anyone else to danger, i.e. approach a suspect, talk to a suspect, shine a light into a vehicle or at a building, etc.
5. Participants have NO special authority over anyone else.
6. Participants may NEVER take on the role of law enforcement.
7. Participants have NO responsibility other than to report a suspicious act.
8. Participants should carry a cell phone, paper, pen and NRE phone list.
9. C.O.P. vehicle signs may NOT be displayed outside the NRE community.
10. NEVER do anything that might put yourself or NRE in a bad light.
11. Participation is TOTALLY & STRICTLY VOLUNTARY, without any type of insurance or compensation for costs of any kind, etc.
12. Participants act on their OWN BEHALF, not on the behalf of NRE, Johnson County, JC Sheriff's Office or any other entity.
13. If a C.O.P. participant receives a call and does not want to respond, the caller should be encouraged to call 911.
14. Participants may drop out of the program at any time.
15. The magnetic C.O.P. signs remain the property of the Community of NRE.