



# Northern Berks Regional Police Department

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## CRIME WATCH APPLICATION

I wish to serve as a district leader, or general member in the Northern Berks Regional Police Department's Crime Watch Program. I understand that as a district leader, I will act as a liaison between the Northern Berks Regional Police Department and with other crime watch members to keep all members informed of recent police related events and to also take any concerns, issues, etc. to the Police Department's designated Crime Watch liaison, along with additional duties as outlined herein. I understand that a general member I will report directly to the District Leader who will act as a liaison with the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

## CRIME WATCH GUIDELINES

- District leaders should meet a minimum of four times per year with your neighbors to keep your neighborhood Crime Watch group active.
- A commitment of one year is desired, with a two-to-three year commitment preferred.
- District leaders should participate in district leader meetings with other district leaders.
- District leaders will distribute information to neighbors and keep area maps up-to-date with current names, addresses and phone numbers of your neighbors.
- District leaders will welcome new neighbors and provide them with information about the neighborhood Crime Watch.
- District leaders will report suspicious activity to the police and be the "eyes and ears" for the neighborhood.
- District leaders must submit to and pass a criminal background check performed by the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

## **AGREEMENT**

The Northern Berks Regional Police Department reserves the right to refuse, cancel or revise this agreement. By signing this agreement, the member agrees to comply with the terms and conditions herein to the satisfaction of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

Volunteers shall assume all liability for, and hold the Northern Berks Regional Police Department, its agents and employees, harmless from, any and all claims for damages, actions or causes of action arising out of work to be done herein.

Any and all volunteers of the group or other persons while engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement shall not be considered employees of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Pennsylvania Worker's Compensation Act on behalf of said volunteers or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's volunteers or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered shall in no way be the obligation of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

To ensure the integrity of the program and instill a sense of security for the participants in the Crime Watch groups, the Northern Berks Regional Police Department will conduct a criminal background check on those interested in applying for the District Leader position, and as regular Crime Watch members. As district leaders, it is important that you feel comfortable sharing pertinent information with other district leaders and / or general members of the Watch group.

The data you are being asked to provide is classified as confidential. As a result of the classification of this data, data will not be released to any person other than the District Leader, the Chief of Police, the Sergeant in charge of the Crime Watch Group, or one of their designees.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about the Crime Watch Program, District Leader position, general member position or application, contact Sergeant Sean C. Showalter at 610-916-2290 ext. 207 or at [sshowalter@nbrpd.org](mailto:sshowalter@nbrpd.org)

**DISTRICT LEADER APPLICATION / GENERAL MEMBER APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please provide full name – First/Middle/Last)

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

“I have read and understand all of the above statements”

Signature for District Leader application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature for general member application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sergeant Sean C. Showalter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Brian Horner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed applications can be emailed to Sergeant Sean C. Showalter at [sshowalter@nbrpd.org](mailto:sshowalter@nbrpd.org)**

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