

Origin, Purpose and Conduct  
of the  
Sandia Mountain Ranch Neighborhood Association (SMRNA)  
Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP)

The SMRNA NWP was created in November 2000 coincident with the formation of the SMRNA. The formation of the SMRNA was a prerequisite to forming the NWP in accordance with the requirements received from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department. Creation of the NWP followed the direction and guidance received from the National Sheriff's Association, and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department. The fundamental purpose of the program is to create a neighborhood environment where residents know and lookout for one another thus enhancing the overall security of the neighborhood (i.e. the old front porch effect which existed years ago in most neighborhoods).

Implementation of the SMRNA NWP included the selection of a NWP Coordinator and a sufficient number of Block Captains to: cover our development; installation of Neighborhood Watch Signs; creation and maintenance of a current SMRNA Directory and Plat Map; identification of residents contact telephone numbers, vehicles and pets; encouragement of neighbors to watch each others homes especially when someone is on vacation; and a list of suggested actions residents can take to make their homes less attractive to potential burglars.

The SMRNA NWP consists of:

Program Coordinator - Debra LaComette

and five Block Captains:

Jerry Love	Naomi Dr
Joyce Muething	Sandia Mountain Ranch Dr (East End)
Norma Silva	Sandia Mountain Ranch Dr (South End)
David Smith	Western Trail Dr
Debra LaComette	Western Saddle Dr

Contact telephone numbers for all of these representatives are published on the last page of the SMRNA Directory. These volunteers help the Coordinator maintain a presence in the neighborhood. However, ALL RESIDENTS are expected and encouraged to be observant of and report suspicious/emergency activity in the neighborhood to the NWP Coordinator, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Command Center at 798-7000 or 911 depending on the type, severity and urgency of the incident. Examples of who to contact for different situations are as follows:

- 1) Contact NWP Coordinator if you observe suspicious vehicles, lost animals, missing street signs, pot holes in the road, speeding vehicles, etc.

- 2) Contact the Sheriff's Dept. to report suspicious persons/activities i.e. vehicles trolling the neighborhood, unknown persons in the neighborhood, small/large truck's in the neighborhood (similar to U-Hauls and Moving Vans).
- 3) Contact 911 in the event of an Emergency medical or otherwise, any criminal activity in progress, a fire of any kind, a vehicle accident, the presence of dangerous animals such as bears and mountain lions.

NOTE: The response time by the Sheriff's Department and Fire & Rescue has been outstanding over the years (i.e. five to ten minutes from the time they receive the call). This can be attributed to the close proximity of the East Mountain Sheriff's Department Command Post in Tijeras and the two locations of the Fire & Rescue (one at Sedillo Hill and the other in Tijeras). In addition, these Agencies are provided with current copies of the SMRNA Directory and Plat Maps by the NWP Coordinator to assist them in locating ALL residences in the SMR Development.

In closing, ALL residents are encouraged to take the time to meet your neighbors, be observant when your driving/walking in the neighborhood, offer to watch a neighbor's home while they are on vacation, etc. We can only maintain a safe and secure neighborhood when all of us participate.