

# Van Zandt County Precinct Watch Program Crime Prevention Tips

## Subject: Introduction to Precinct Watch Crime Attenuation Tips



In these times of economic distress, many people are concerned about the threat of rising crime in their communities. Fortunately, there are ways to help protect your home and neighborhood from crime. There are plenty of things to do to help eliminate crime, from simple steps like keeping doors and windows locked to starting or joining a neighborhood crime watch program.

The Van Zandt County Precinct Watch Program is an extremely proactive county wide crime watch program that is cosponsored by the County Commissioners' Court and the Sheriff's Office designed to support citizens to, "Look Out For Each Other" by:

1. Uniting the community and increase neighborhood cohesion
2. Reducing fear of crime in our community
3. Improving crime reporting by citizens
4. Increasing surveillance in our community
5. Helping prevent and reduce crime

With consumer prices rising, taxes increasing, and many law enforcement agencies cutting costs, it has never been more important for citizens to work together with government to prevent crime. One technique available is to provide citizens with weekly crime prevention tips. These tips will be featured in a series of articles published each week by the Van Zandt County Newspaper.

Please take this opportunity to read, analyze, and apply any appropriate tips that might be able to reduce the opportunity for crime in our community.

**"An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure!"**