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***PRESS RELEASE**

Releasing Officer: Sergeant Jonathan A. McLaughlin
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Announcement: Fort Bragg Neighborhood Watch Public Meeting

INFORMATION:

On April 12, 2016 the Fort Bragg Police Department is inviting anyone interested in becoming involved in Neighborhood Watch to join us for a meeting at 6:00 p.m. being held at Town Hall, 363 North Main Street, Fort Bragg.

Any community member can join Neighborhood Watch and learn how to make their home more secure, watch out for their neighborhood, and report suspicious activities to law enforcement. Neighborhood Watch doesn't have to be limited to a few houses. It can encompass several blocks, an apartment complex, or even a business area. Neighborhood Watch is an effective way to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. It creates bonds with your neighbors and improves relations between law enforcement and the community. It helps reduce burglaries, robberies, prowlers, and many other types of crime.

Currently the City of Fort Bragg is working to include the Neighborhood Watch captains and its members in a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). Though this program is just at the beginning stages, the concept is this; during an emergency, such as an earthquake or other natural disaster, the C.E.R.T. members would have instructions on when and where to check in with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Utilizing the knowledge they have of their neighborhoods, they would be able to relay vital information, such as missing or injured persons, damaged buildings or utilities, and much more.

This meeting will allow community members interested in Neighborhood Watch to meet and get to know each other. Information will be provided on how to start your own Neighborhood Watch group or become involved in one that has already been established in your neighborhood.

Anyone with questions concerning this meeting or the Neighborhood Watch program is asked to contact Sergeant Jonathan McLaughlin with the Fort Bragg Police Department. 707-961-2800 Ext. 123.

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