

# Midtown Neighborhood Watch



**BEVERWYCK  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The “Midtown Neighborhood Watch” program involves patrols by resident volunteers, college students and long term neighbors with close Albany Police Department coordination to monitor and report unusual activity and unsafe conditions as well as disseminate appropriate safety information to residents in the patrol area.

*Sponsored by the Albany Police Department, the University at Albany Police Department and the College of St. Rose Safety & Security Department in cooperation with the Pine Hills and Beverwyck Neighborhood Associations and concerned college students and long term neighbors*

## **What is the Midtown Neighborhood Watch program?**

The Midtown Neighborhood Watch program stems from the strong belief that the safety and conditions in the neighborhoods involved can be drastically improved if neighbors work closely with the local city agencies.

It combines nightly foot patrols which serve as the “eyes and ears” of the Albany Police Department to report any unsafe conditions or suspicious activity to the police and not to become involved in any direct response unless so directed by the Albany Police Department. Volunteers will travel in pairs wearing “Neighborhood Watch” hats and highly visible flashing light armbands and use cell phones for communication.

In addition, volunteers will have a safety educational role by distributing appropriate safety information and tips as well as any safety alerts issued regarding incidents in the patrol or immediately adjacent area.

### **Patrol Area:**

At this juncture the Midtown Neighborhood Watch patrol area will be the area bordered by immediately below Central Avenue on the north, Madison Avenue on the south, North Allen Street on the west, Lake Avenue on the east as well as the area between Lake Avenue on the west, Lexington Avenue on the east, Bradford Street on the north, Western Avenue on the south.

The Midtown Neighborhood Watch program currently operates out of the College of Saint Rose Security Headquarters located on the corner of Partridge Street and Hudson Avenue.

## **Training:**

Approved volunteers will receive training from the Albany Police Department. They will be trained to identify and report potential safety and quality of life problems to help to solve these problems. They will also learn how to appropriately, effectively and completely report any problems to the Albany Police Department.

## **How to Volunteer:**

Fill out and sign the application enclosed in this brochure and turn it into Officer Janet Zalatan or Officer Richard Romand of the Community Services Unit at the Albany Police Department Center Station located at 536 Western Avenue near the intersection of Western Avenue and Madison Avenue. Once your application is reviewed you will be contacted if you have been approved or not. If you have been approved, your training will be scheduled and once completed you will be assigned to a patrol night.

Volunteers do NOT need to reside in the current patrol area. This patrol area may expand as the program progresses. However, you MUST be at least 18 years old to volunteer.

## **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the Midtown Neighborhood Watch program, you can contact one of the following:

Officer Janet Zalatan, Albany Police Department, Center Station at 458-5668

Thomas Gebhardt, University Police Department at 442-3130

Steve Johnson, Beverwyck Neighborhood Association at 472-0444

College of St. Rose Safety & Security Department at 454-2010

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